

Comment of the day

TOUGH YEAR AHEAD

ON several occasions in the past, Hongkong has come to the end of a year facing grim prospects for the future. Fortunately, the threatened shocks have never quite matched up to the earlier prophecies. But it would be wrong to think that the series of lucky escapes we have enjoyed, is a sign that fortune will continue to smile on us, or that we can win through whatever trials beset us.

This coming year is going to be tough — let no one doubt it. It could be the toughest since the embargo cut off the lucrative China trade turning us from entrepot into manufacturing. It may even be tougher — because two big things, are in the offing which could vitally affect the Colony.

THE first is that America is to decide whether it is going to impose the 8½ cents a lb equalisation fee on cotton textile imports. The second — and this is potentially more serious — is the choice Britain must make between the Commonwealth and the Common Market. The big question is whether Britain, in joining will be able to retain any worthwhile preferences for certain Commonwealth imports.

The entire Commonwealth is involved in this in some way or another, including Hongkong which exported in 1960 almost \$608 million worth of its products, 90 per cent under preference. This represents about one-seventh of the Colony's total exports.

IN the case of the equalisation fee, the British Embassy said in its protest to Washington last week that it is likely to have the effect of totally prohibiting exports of pigmeats to the U.S. And in 1960 Hongkong exported more than \$70 million worth. Clearly such a loss — or even a large fraction of it — would deal the local textile industry a serious blow.

It is still possible that the U.S. Tariff Commission will decide against the fee, or perhaps the President will return to a one-price system for cotton. And remote as it seems, Britain may be able to extract some special conditions for Commonwealth imports from the members of the European Common Market.

BUT it is important for Hongkong to understand that it is really up against it, this time. And we shall be very lucky to escape without serious damage to our two main avenues of trade. Some people are saying that this is our own fault. Our manufacturers should have diversified long ago instead of jumping on the bandwagon of the most profitable industry. This is undoubtedly true but it doesn't help to say so now.

Loss of exports is bad enough. Of more serious concern is the welfare of those who will suffer through loss of jobs, and the redevelopment of industry and exports. These are tasks that will call for the most careful thought, great patience, imaginative planning and an unflinching faith that Hongkong will somehow again pull through.

British forces remain on the alert 'just in case' KUWAIT WAR FEARS SUBSIDE



Ruler of Kuwait

May be several more empty scares ahead

London, Dec. 28. Britain's fear of an imminent Iraqi attack against Kuwait subsided tonight, but air, land and sea forces remained on the alert nearby in case of trouble in the oil sheikdom.

"It may all have been a false alarm," one official source said, "but governments, like fire brigades, find it better to be safe than sorry."

How it all began

London, Dec. 29. The Daily Mail today reported that Britain's Christmas decision to move in the Middle East to protect the sheikdom of Kuwait against a possible invasion by Iraq, was taken as the result of a new system of alerting the armed forces.

"Every morning now, a joint services staff in the Ministry of Defence sets a 'state of readiness' for the day which is based on intelligence assessments of the current world military and political situations," this Conservative newspaper's commentator, Stevenson Pugh, wrote.

"If any change in the nation's military preparedness is judged necessary then political sanction is sought from Defence Minister, Mr Harold Watkinson, and the orders are sent out."

"The Christmas alert began in this way last Friday. Analysis of world tensions that day, coupled with the first trickle of rumours from Kuwait resulted in the strategic reserve in Britain being alerted."—Reuters.

MYSTERY CALL

Washington, Dec. 28. The U.S. Immigration and Naturalisation Service Office was evacuated today after a mysterious phone caller, who identified himself as a Cuban, threatened to plant a bomb. A thorough search by police failed to locate any explosives.—UPI.

Star's father dies

New York, Dec. 28. Alex Stewart, father of film actor Jimmy Stewart, died today. He was about 89.—AP.

ANGRY ANNA SLAPS BEAMING BRANDO

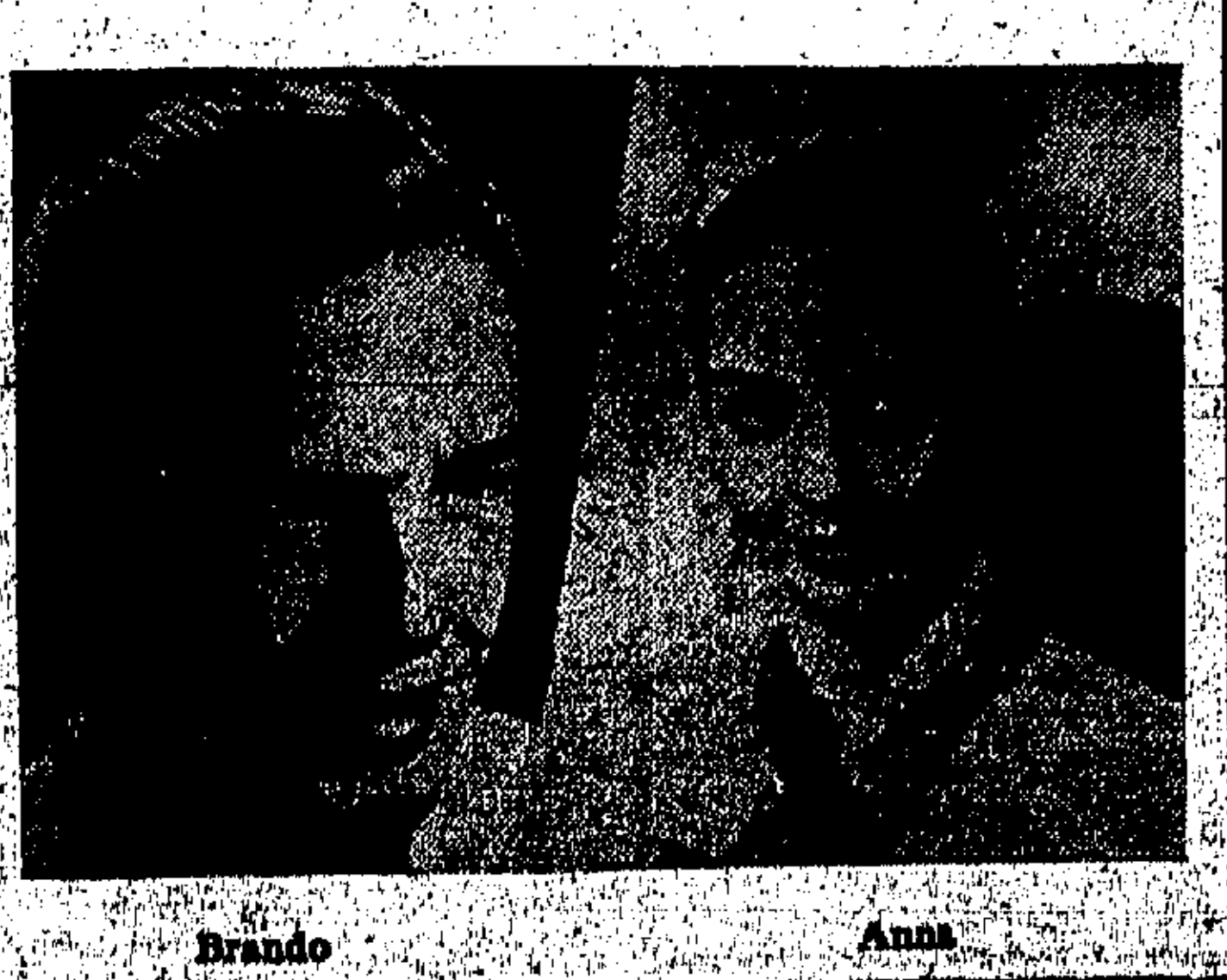
Santa Monica, Dec. 29. Anno Kashfi slapped her ex-husband, actor Marlon Brando, across the face yesterday as they emerged from a bitterly-contested child custody hearing. The blow was heard down the courthouse corridor.

Brando ducked and continued without saying a word. Miss Kashfi, trembling, turned to photographers and said: "Don't ever say I didn't give you a good picture!"

In the hearing, Brando testified that he was "tired of playing the heavy" (villain) in the prolonged court squabble with his ex-wife over their young son.

He won court approval of increased privileges to visit his four-year-old child.

He was beaming and obviously elated over being allowed more time with son Christian Devl.—AP & UPI.



Brando

Anna

HK SHIVERS AT 54.5° F

Hongkong shivered early this morning in the coldest temperature this winter 54.5 degrees F — recorded between midnight and 9 am today.

This, however, is far from the lowest temperature ever recorded in December — 40.7 degrees F, registered on December 23, 1896.

Although the temperature climbed back a few more degrees later in the morning, the average temperature today is still some 10 degrees below that of a week ago.

Ships may be diverted if trouble starts



Ships sailing between Hongkong and Australia via the Arafura Sea will have to give a wide berth to coastal waters of New Guinea and Indonesian territories in the event of hostilities breaking out between Indonesia and Dutch New Guinea.

This was revealed by the Shipping Manager of Peninsular & Oriental S.N. Co Ltd, Mr M. J. Connor, today.

"But, of course, much will depend on the instructions the Admiralty give to the British Merchant Marine in general at the time."

Outbreak

As far as P & O are concerned, he said, the outbreak "will not precipitate a very great change from the normal shipping routes because our ships do not call at Indonesian ports."

Ships, he said, usually sail by the sheltered routes in between islands — the course via the Arafura Sea is not only safer but also a short cut between Hongkong and Australia.

A spokesman for Jardine, Matheson & Co Ltd said that in the event of a war which does not involve Britain, ships flying the Union Jack could continue sailing unmolested as neutral vessels.

"And possibly there will be no change in our routes between Hongkong and Australia," he said, "particularly so since our ships don't call at Indonesian ports or ports of New Guinea."

Nevertheless he pointed out that British ships would have to observe directions from the Royal Navy.

Mr D. Carey, Shipping Manager of Butterfield and Swire Ltd refused "to make any hypothetical answer" as to what steps the company would take regarding the shipping routes between Hongkong and Australia in the event of a war.

B & S ships, however, do sail between New Guinea and Indonesia and the Australian-Hongkong run.

The Royal Inter-oceanic Lines had no worry over an outbreak "because our ships all sail via the Coral Sea to the northeast of New Guinea."

Lebanese, Syrian charged with gold smuggling

A Lebanese, Assad D. Mehanna, 23, and a Syrian, Mamduh Elsaadi, 50, were both charged this morning before Mr J. E. Dargan at North Kowloon Magistracy with importing gold without a permit.

The first defendant was alleged to have imported 36 bars of gold.

The second defendant was alleged to have imported 41 bars of gold.

The weight and value of the gold was not disclosed in court. They were arrested at 3.40 pm yesterday at the airport customs shed.

The defendants were remanded until tomorrow to appear at Central Magistracy. Revenue Inspector D.A. Wyatt prosecuted.

SALAZAR TO REVOKE U.K. ALLIANCE?

London, Dec. 29. Rumours are rife in Lisbon, both in diplomatic and general circles, that the Portuguese Government is contemplating the revocation of the Anglo-Portuguese alliance.

This was stated in a message in The Times today.

The Times Lisbon correspondent, after pointing out that Dr Salazar, the Portuguese Prime Minister, is to address the nation on the subject of India's seizure of Goa when the Parliamentary session opens next Wednesday, added:

Certain

"What is fairly certain is that Dr Salazar will emphasise on Wednesday that Britain failed Portugal, and that his own policy towards overseas territories is the right one."

"It is also certain that Portugal will now more than ever try to reinforce her friendship with Spain and with her former colony, Brazil."

Two Lisbon newspapers attacked Britain today for what they called her failure to observe the Anglo-Portuguese treaty when Indian troops marched into Portugal's Indian possessions.

They were commenting on a report last night that Dr Salazar had invoked the 1386 Treaty in an appeal to Britain during the Indian action.

The Catholic newspaper, A Voz, said the negative reaction was "the greatest proof of British decadence." It had "shown to the world" what is the value nowadays of treaties, promises, and agreements with the big powers.

The conservative Diario de Noticias said Britain and the U.S. must abandon the idea that they could be friends with everyone at the same time.

(Under the Treaty of Windsor in 1386, Britain promised to send aid including numbers of "archers and gingers" if Portugal were attacked.)

Pressing

Meanwhile, a Lisbon report says that a total of 2,729 Portuguese servicemen, 218 officers and 2,511 other ranks, were interned by the Indian forces in camps in Goa, according to information received from the International Red Cross.

At the same time, India is pressing Britain to seek release of thousands of Indian nationals held by the Portuguese in the wake of the Goa affair.

The Indian request is being pushed both formally and informally.

A report from Panjim says that Dr Abel Colaco, Secretary-General of the former Portuguese Administration in Goa, has sworn allegiance to the Indian President.

He has been reinstated in government service, it said.

The Military Governor, General Kenneth Candeth, has agreed to place him in as important a position as he was holding previously in Goa.

Earlier, Dr Colaco, who is a Goan, voluntarily applied to the Military Governor for, not informing the Indian authorities here of having harboured the wife of the former Portuguese Governor General, the agency added.

She was found in Dr Colaco's house a few days after the Indian entry into Panjim.

The Military Governor accepted Dr Colaco's voluntary written apology.—Reuters, AP & UPI.

FORTUNES WON

London, Dec. 29. Three British football pools syndicates won more than £155,000 between them this week, it was announced here.

Sixty men at a Birmingham factory in the English Midlands shared £55,105, a family syndicate from the London dormitory town of Becontree won £251,000 and a six-man syndicate from the market town of Schrewsbury won £49,404.

They all forecast eight drawn matches.—Reuters.

FRONT PAGE BRIEFS

COLD DEATH

New Delhi, Dec. 28. Temperatures are slowly rising in northern India after the worst cold wave in living memory killed at least 259 people in the last ten days. Temperatures are still well below freezing in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar.

Homeless labourers and beggars, shivering through the night in the open, were often found frozen in the morning.

Frozen birds and animals littered village streets and thick fog dislocated rail and air traffic.—Reuters.

Space dept

London, Dec. 28. The Ministry of Aviation announced today the setting up of a space department to co-ordinate research and development on all kinds of satellites.

Its work will include research and development on ballistic and upper atmosphere research rockets and on the equipment needed for Britain's contribution to the European Launcher Development Organisation.—Reuters.

Congo gunfight

Elisabethville, Dec. 28. At least two Katanga gendarmes were killed and one wounded today in an outbreak of fighting between Katanga forces and Swedish U.N. troops, a senior Swedish U.N. officer said.

There were no U.N. casualties in the exchange of gunfire between Swedish troops and the gendarmes in the eastern part of the city.—UPI.

WORKING DINNER

Vientiane, Dec. 28. The three rival princes in Laos were due to have a "working dinner" here tonight, which, observers hope, may produce some results leading towards the formation of a coalition government and a peaceful political settlement for the country.—Reuters.

Imprisoned?

Chambery, Dec. 28. Henri Viaud, a professor in a college in Chambery, France, who set off in a rubber dinghy last summer and disappeared, is believed to be now in prison in Albania and may soon be released, college authorities said here today.—AFP.

SMALLPOX SCARE IN BRITAIN

London, Dec. 28. A smallpox warning went out tonight from the Ministry of Health to all passengers who travelled over the Christmas weekend to Britain by Olympic Airlines, flight 409, from Paris to London, or to Paris on the round-the-world Air France trip TI/AF/61, whose last stops were Karachi, Tehran, Rome and Paris.

They were requested to "report without delay" to the nearest medical officer for the appropriate advice and vaccination.

Health authorities in the countries to which the passengers may have travelled have been notified.

The scare followed the confirmation tonight that a 24-

year-old Pakistani, C. Kahn, has smallpox. He travelled to London from Paris in the Olympic Airline flight on Christmas Day, having journeyed there from Karachi.

Mr Kahn, who had been staying with friends in the London borough of St. Pancras, walked into hospital there in the middle of the night.

He was given emergency treatment and doctors, nurses and porters who had been in contact with him were vaccinated. So too were 30 people who had been in contact with him in St. Pancras.

This morning he was rushed to an isolation hospital in Kent.—Reuters.

FIRE VICTIMS

Washington, Dec. 28. The Naval School of Medicine at Bethesda, today lost 38,000 square centimeters of tissue when a fire broke out in a room used to treat 40 victims of the atomic bomb attack on Nagasaki. The fire, which killed more than 200, broke out in a room used to treat 40 victims of the atomic bomb attack on Nagasaki. The fire, which killed more than 200, broke out in a room used to treat 40 victims of the atomic bomb attack on Nagasaki.

No move against giant U.K. firm

London, Dec. 28. The giant Imperial Tobacco Company will not be asked by the Government to dispose of its 42½ per cent shareholding in Gallaher, a rival company, the Board of Trade announced here today.

This step was recommended in July by the Monopolies Commission investigating the tobacco industry.

A Board of Trade statement tonight said Imperial had given an assurance to the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Frederick Erroll, that they regarded

their undertaking not to interfere in the management of Gallaher as binding on them for the future.

"On all the evidence the president is satisfied that the public interest will be adequately safeguarded by this undertaking," the statement said.—Reuter.

COMMODITY PRICES

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

NEW YORK

Closing rates, New York, 2.80-2.807, Montreal 2.82-13.16-2.82-13.16, Amsterdam 10.10-10.11, Brussels 139.75-139.80, Copenhagen 19.31-19.31, Frankfurt 11.22-11.23, Lisbon 80.20-80.20, Oslo 20.00-20.01, Paris 13.75-13.76, Stockholm 14.54-14.54, Milan 17.42-17.43, Vienna 72.49-72.52, Zurich 12.11-12.12.—UPI.

RUBBER

NEW YORK

Rubber futures closing prices, all in cents per lb. Rex Jan. 28.00, Mar. 28.25, May 28.35, July 28.35, Sept. 28.30, Nov. 28.35, Jan. 28.35.

LONDON

Closing prices all in pence per lb. No. 1 Res spot 23-24, Settlement house term, Jan. 23-24, Mar. 24-24, Jan./Mar. 24-24, Apr./June 24-24, July/Sept 24-24, Oct./Dec. 24-24.—UPI.

METALS

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents per lb. Lead Jan. 9.21, Mar. 9.32, Zinc Jan. 10.80, Mar. 11.00, Copper Jan. 20.84, Mar. 20.12.

LONDON

Closing prices, all in sterling per long ton. Tin spot 930b 941s, 3-month 951b 954s, Copper spot 228½b 229s, 3-month 229½b 230s, Lead spot 59½b 59½s, 3-month 60½b 60½s, Zinc spot 71½b 71½s, 3-month 72½b 72½s.—UPI.

COTTON

NEW YORK

Closing prices all in cents per lb. Spot, 35.85, Mar. 34.11, May 34.88, July 34.68, Oct. 33.55, Dec. 33.60, Mar. 33.90, May 34.00.—UPI.

THE BALTIC EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 28.

Before the Christmas recess freight markets were quiet for this time of year. Now that the holiday is over business has almost come to a standstill.

Towards the U.K. the Megar was fixed with 12/13,000 tons of grain from the northern range. At first sight the rate of 35/9 might appear to represent an ease from the previous rate of 40/.

However, today's fixture had more favourable terms, i.e. job load/1,000 discharge at current rate.

FIXTURES: northern range to Avonmouth, Megar 12,000/13,000 tons min-max, heavy grain, January 15/25, 35/9 fob load, 1,000 discharge at current rate.

River Plate to Callao, Albamar, 9,800 tons, 5 per cent, wheat in bulk, January 25-February 10, \$6. Two ports load 25 cents extra, with berth terms load/1,000 discharge free.

Gulf to Antwerp, Rotterdam or Amsterdam, Elat (motor), 21,000 tons, 5 per cent, heavy grain, January, \$4, with 3,000 discharge free.

TIME CHARTER: North Marchioness (motor) 12,200 tons dw, 601,000 bale, 13½ knots on 16 tons intermediate fuel oil, two-four months trading, delivery Gulf, January, re-delivery U.S. Atlantic Coast-Gulf or East Coast-Canada, \$2.85.—UPI.

Fare rises for U.S. domestic airlines

Washington, Dec. 28. The Civil Aeronautics Board today granted the domestic airlines permission to increase fares three per cent for a trial six month period.

The CAB said would put the fare increases into effect 30 days after the carriers apply for them. It estimated that the three per cent rise would increase the domestic carriers' revenues approximately \$64 million a year.

The CAB, however, did not rule on applications for specific rises by individual airlines, which generally called for higher increases than three per cent.—UPI.

WORLD SHARE MARKETS

The share market at a glance

	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21	Dec. 28	Up or Down	Dividend & Bonus	Approx. Yield (%)
HK Bank	258	258	258	262	262	steady	—	3.3
Lombard	42n	42n	40b	40b	40½b	+1½c	\$2.25	5.6
Wheelock	12½	12.30	12.10	12.20	12.30	+10c	—	5.6
HK Wharf	348	348n	382s	376s	370	—5c	\$12	3.24
HK Docks	140	148	147	145	147	+2	\$4	2.7
Talkoo Docks	74	72½	72½	74½	74	—50c	\$3.20	4.3
Provident	29.70	28.80	28.40	28.80	29.70	+90c	\$1.80	4.4
HK Hotels	43½	42½	34½	43½	44½	+10c	\$8	6.78
HK Lands	74½	75	72½	74	75½	+1½c	\$2.40	3.17
HK Realty	2.125	2.125	2.05	2.10	2.15	+5c	\$13.50	6.5
HK Trams	40¼	40¼	40¼	41¼	41¼	+50c	\$2.05	4.9
Star Ferry	230b	234s	246s	238	244	+6c	\$10.50	4.3
Yaumatis	127	129	126	126	127	+1	\$1	2.7
Ch. Light	41¼	40¼	40¼	40	39¾	—25c	\$1.10	4.27
Electric	39½	39	39	39½	39½	+50c	\$1.70	4.1
G. I. Cement	44	42½	42	42½	43	+1	\$4	5.75
Dairy Farm	69	68	67½	68½	69½	+50c	\$2	5.5
A. S. Wharf	36¾	36½	35½	36	36½	+5c	\$2.50	4.17
Lee Crawford	57	57½	57½	58	60	+2½c	\$3	8.1
Int'l Investment	38½	38	37	37½b	37½b	steady	\$1.25	8
Allied	13	12.40	12.40	12.30	12.30b	+10c	\$1	13.7
HK & FE Inv	9.30	9.10b	9.20s	9.10s	9.10s	+25c	\$1	4.6
Textile Corp	21.80	21.40	21.40b	21.10	21.80	+70c	\$1	8.77
Nanyang	5.85	5.85s	5.60s	5.45	5.70	+25c	\$1	8.77
Kowloon Motor Bus	12.40n	12½s	10½xd	10.40xd	10.50	steady	\$2.80	3.8
Jardines	76	75	74	74½	74½	+10c	80c	3.4
	24.40	24.20xd	23½xd	23.20	23.30			

* When shares were five times their present value.

Small gains with firm undertone

The market made fractional gains this morning, the last trading day of the year, and showed a firm undertone.

The morning turnover was about \$2,190,000 bringing the total turnover for the short 3-day week to about \$13,770,000 compared with about \$18,000,000 for the previous five-day week. Docks gained \$1 at \$148, while half-dollar gains were scored by Talkoo at \$74½ and Trams at \$42¼.

Lights added 25 cents at \$40, but Electric lost 25 cents at \$39½.

As the China Mail list above shows, the post-holiday performance brought small but general improvement in stock prices.

Pattern broken. The pattern of quiet, cautious trading during the two weeks before Christmas was broken somewhat when activity heightened during the past three days. However, there was no spectacular movement.

Banks went up to \$366 this week (on Wednesday) before closing at \$362.

Lights and Electric closed at identical figures yesterday—\$39½. This was the first time in many weeks that Lights prices went down to the level of Electric. However, Lights moved up again this morning.

TAX TRANSACTIONS PULL PRICES DOWN

The year-end rally faltered yesterday as a renewal of year-end tax transactions affected the trend and left the market mixed, with more stocks showing losses than gains.

NEW YORK

Gains and losses of fractions to about a dollar were the general rule for most key stocks. Unfavorable reports caused Douglas Aircraft to lose 3½ and Republic Aviation to decline 1½.

Ford encountered profit-taking and slipped by 7½. Du Pont and General Electric held gains of 1½. Trading was heavy.

Lacked drive

The market was higher in the morning as it followed through from Wednesday's vigorous advance but it lacked the drive to move up further. Early leadership by a selection of blue chips faded and the final pattern was patchy. Airlines responded to news of a fare rise.

Of 1,322 issues traded, 527 advanced and 576 declined.

New highs for the year

totalled 16 and new lows 12. The Associated Press average of 60 stocks rose .70 to 262.90 with industrials up .80, rails up .60 and utilities up .30. The Standard and Poor Index closed at 71.69, up .04.

Volume was 4.53 million shares compared with 4.17 million on Wednesday and was the largest since December 12 when 4.68 million shares changed hands.—AP.

Closing prices

All Chem	54½	Min-Min	67½
All Chal	19½	Monsanto	52½
Alum Ltd	52½	Mont. Way	34½
Alum Co	64½	Moore	—
Amara	110	McGraw	10½
Am Air	52½	Motorola	83½
Am Can	44½	Nat'l Bldg	88½
Am Cyan	44½	Nat'l Cash	123½
Am Motors	16½	Nat'l Daily	71½
Am Smelt	54½	Nat'l Indus	17½
Am Sugar	34½	Nat'l Gypsum	56½
Am T & T	138½	Nat'l Lead	89½
Am Tob	40½	N.Y. Central	27½
Amconda	48½	Northwest	31½
Armco Stl	72½	Oil Gas	41
Armour	70½	Pain Mfg	90½
Asoc Goods	106½	Pacific Gas	102½
Atlantic Ref	54½	Pan Am	22
Bald-Lima	14½	Parhamount	80
Bendix	42½	Phelps Dodge	17
Beth Stl	42½	Pepsi Cola	55½
Boeing	51½	Pfizer, Chas	50½
Borden	42½	Philips Pet	58½
Borg Warner	46½	Philip M	103½
Burroughs	42½	Phillips Pet	58½
Case, Co	24½	Pure Oil	38½
Celanese	35½	Quaker Oats	88
Cerro Corp	31½	Raytheon	28½
Chrysler	40½	Reynolds Met	98
Cit Ser	55½	Rockwell	109
Coca Cola	103	Tob	89½
Colgate	42½	Union Carb	121½
Com Edson	45½	St Regis	57½
Cons Edson	82½	Sears Roeb	89
Cont Oil	54½	Shell Oil	39½
Corn Prod	56½	Shell Trans	27½
Crane Co	67½	Sinclair Oil	37½
Crown Zelle	58½	Socany	82
Curt Wright	17½	Am Gold	87½
Douglas Air	33½	South Calif	—
Dow Chem	247½	Standard Oil	77½
Dupont	247½	Sperry Rand	23½
East Air	17½	Standard	—
Kodak	113½	Standard Oil	77½
Food Mech	85½	Standard Oil	77½
Ford	113½	Standard Oil	77½
Gen Dynam	75½	Standard Oil	77½
Gen Elec	75½	Standard Oil	77½
Gen Motors	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Gen Milac	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Gen Pack	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Georgia Pac	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Getty	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Gillette	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Goodrich	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Goodyear	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Grace Co	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Gulf Oil	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Ingersoll	52½	Standard Oil	77½
IBM	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Int'l Harv	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Int'l Nickel	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Int'l Paper	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Int'l T & T	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Jones Laugh	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Kaiser	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Kennecott	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Lib Owens	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Liggett	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Lockheed	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Lone Star	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Lord & Taylor	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Martins Co	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Mercer	52½	Standard Oil	77½
MGM	52½	Standard Oil	77½
Minneapolis	52½	Standard Oil	77½
H	52½	Standard Oil	77½

Small gains on selective buying

Selective buying spurred by Wall Street's fresh advance produced small gains for stocks yesterday.

LONDON

Cotton textiles had a part-worn look after fresh falls for the leaders in the industry, but engineering, electrical, shipping and steel stocks moved higher. Top tobacco counters added fractions and insurance stocks met good demand.

Glit-edged added fractions along a broad front on rumours that another bank rate cut may not be too far distant. Groceries moved lower in a quiet foreign bonds market.

White little business showed for gold mines they held steady, while coppers and tins were neglected.

Both rubbers and teas were uncertain.—UPI.

Closing prices

GOVT SEC	37½	STEELES	20/0
2½% Consol	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
3½% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
5% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
6% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
7% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
8% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
9% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
10% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
11% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
12% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
13% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
14% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
15% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
16% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
17% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
18% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
19% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0
20% Cons	82½	ENGLAND	20/0

Rubber market

New York, Dec. 28.

Rex rubber futures today closed 12 points with sales of eight contracts.

Terminal trading was mostly evening-up between Commission House brokers, dealers and local traders before the long weekend New Year's holiday.

The market will close at noon tomorrow and remain closed until Tuesday morning.

In the outside market, factory offerings were reported light, with buyers uninterested in the few reported available.

Locally, spot No. 1 Res was quoted 28 cents a pound, nominal.

In London, the market was steady quiet with spot quoted at 28½. No. 1 Res spot 23½. In Amsterdam, the market was very quiet today.—UPI.

Federal stocks

Washington, Dec. 28.

A Congressional committee reported yesterday that the U.S. government had \$14,800 million worth of goods in federal stockpiles at the end of October.

The goods included 45,000 million worth of surplus farm commodities and 35,000 million in critical materials in the national strategic stockpile.

The report was released by the Joint Committee on Reduction of Non-Essential Federal Expenditures. It embraced a survey of nine major federal stockpiles.—UPI.

UNIT TRUSTS

First Montgomery Fund: \$1.15 (buyers) \$1.25 (sellers)
Second Montgomery Fund: \$1.15 (buyers) \$1.25 (sellers)
Third Montgomery Fund: \$1.15 (buyers) \$1.25 (sellers)

It's good to drink scotch



It's better to drink White Horse

Sole Agents: JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LTD.

HONGKONG

This morning's quotations and prices were:

Bank	5302	5304	Wicks	512.30	512.40
Lon Reg	430	432	500	500	500
E. Asia	524	524	Dock	5147	5149
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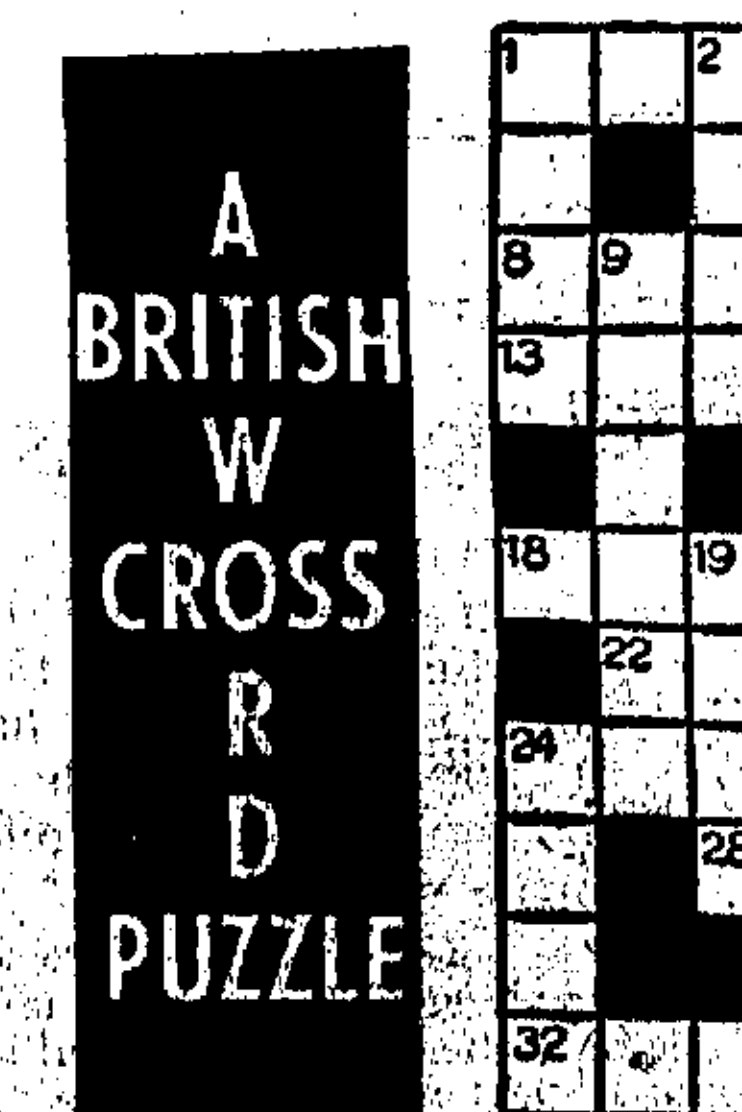
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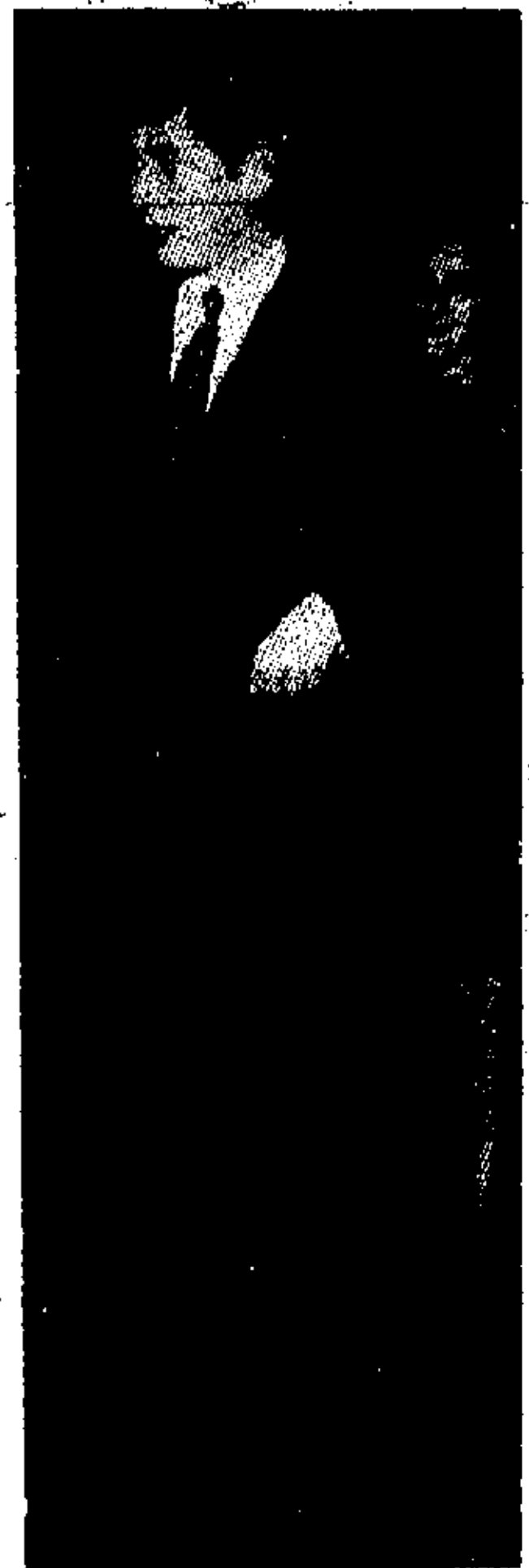
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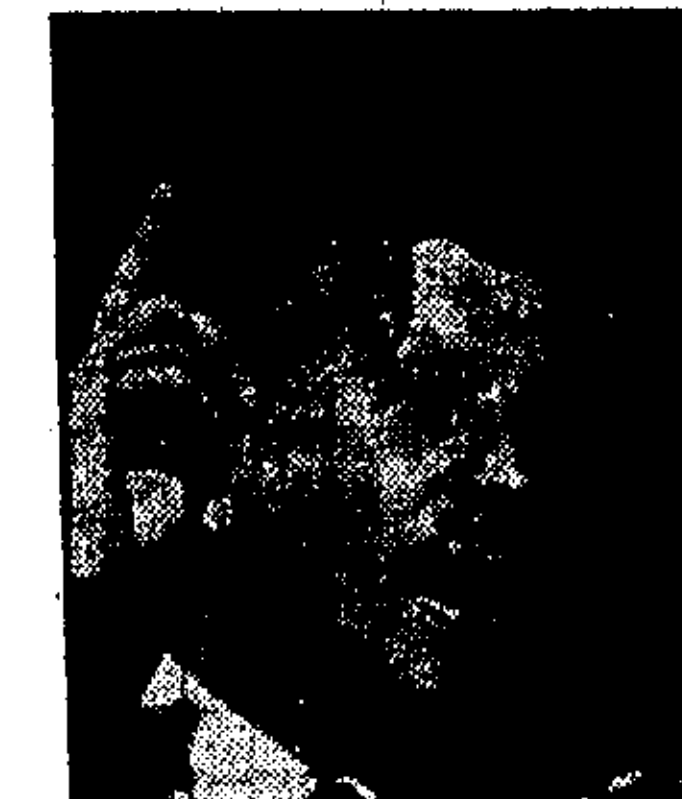
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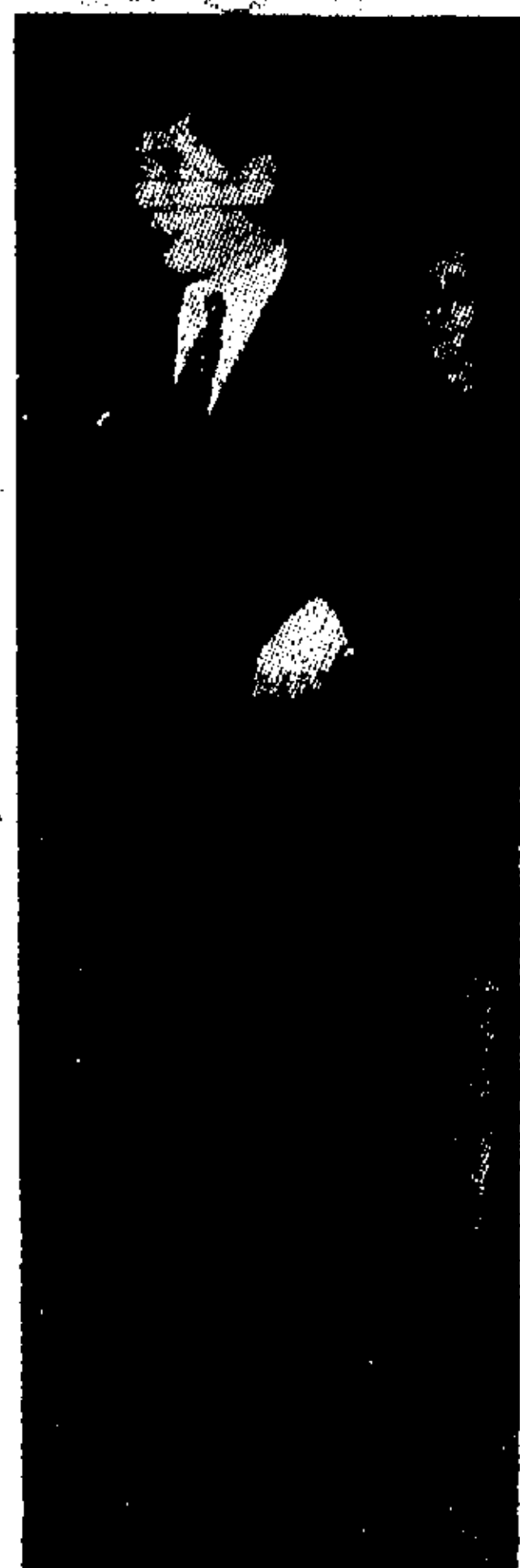
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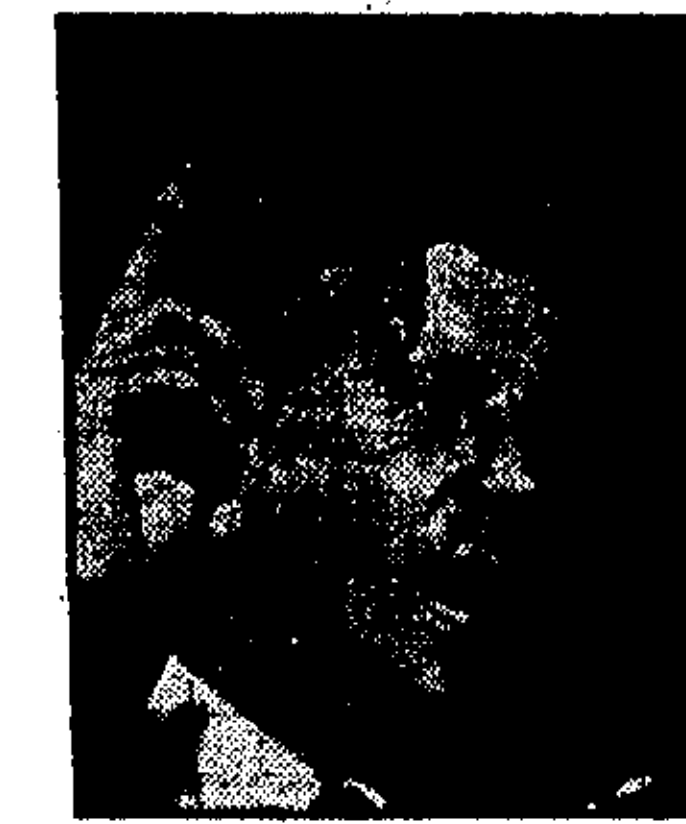
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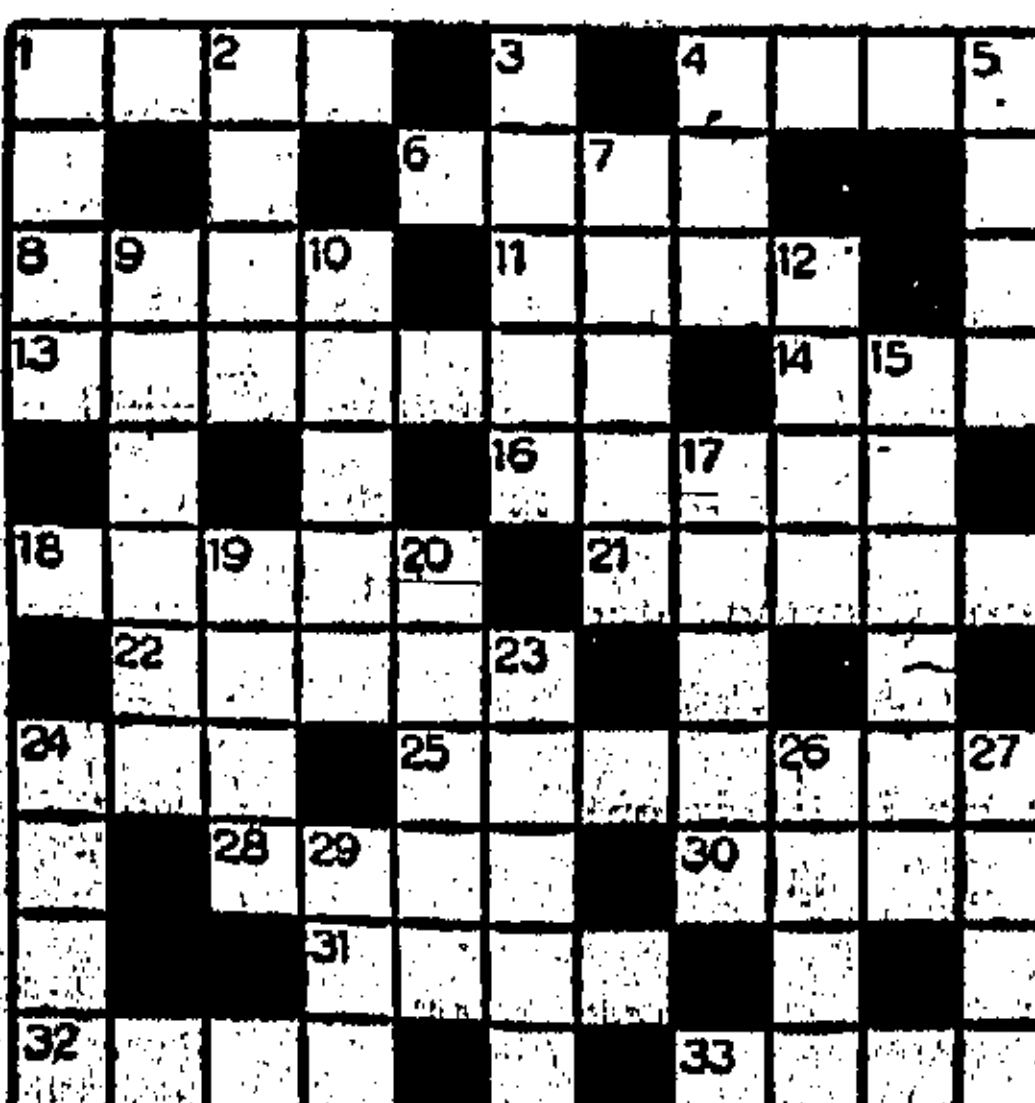
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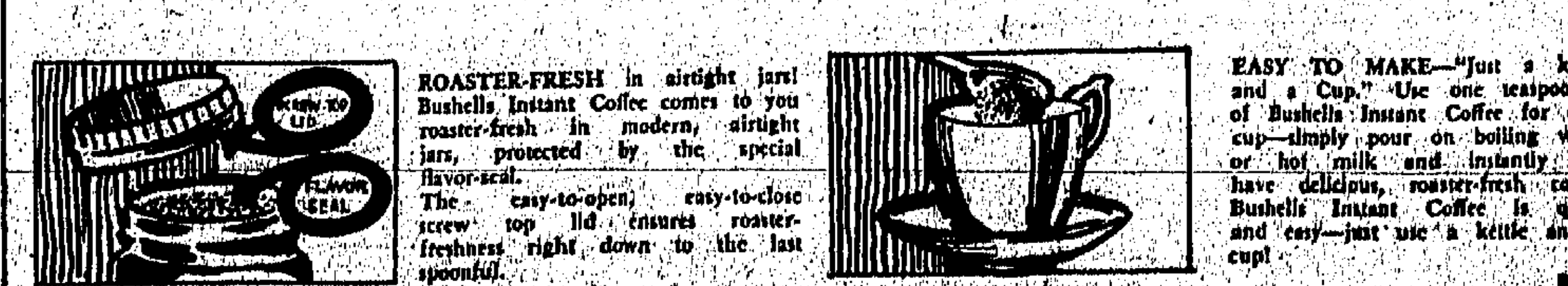
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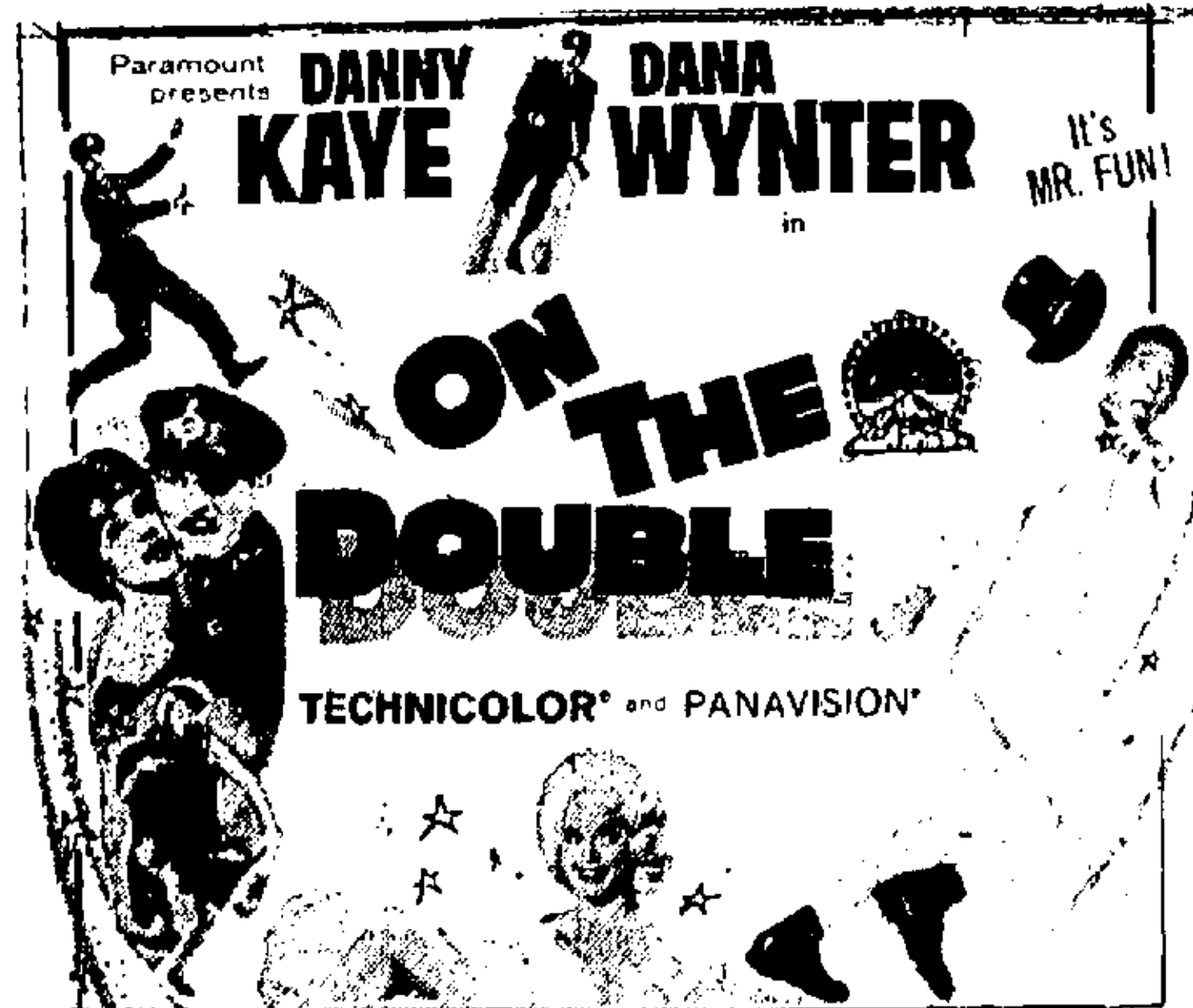
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but never a winner; Sandra
Deer, Jerry Lewis, 1952 winner
teamed with Dean Martin;
William Holden, 1956 winner;
Tony Curtis and Elvis Presley.

Edged out

Presley, a newcomer to the
top, edged out a bobby sox
star of an earlier day, Frank
Sinatra, who was 12th. Debbie
Reynolds and Jack Lemmon,
also in last year's top ten, were
13th and 14th.Miss Taylor was fourth in
1960 and second in 1958.Ironically, both her Oscar
and boxoffice honour came for
"Butterfield 8," a picture she
doesn't regard as among her
best and which she balked at
doing.Critics agreed with her ap-
praisal of the script, but held
that she gave her role as a
party girl a rousing perform-
ance."La Dolce Vita" was named
the best foreign film of the
year, defeating two other Italian
entries, "Two Women" and
"L'Avventura.""Judgment at Nuremberg"
was the only double winner
when Abby Mann won the best
screen writing award.
Eleven of the 16 critics voting
selected "West Side Story"
as the best picture. Five
others selected "Judgment at
Nuremberg."Scheel got 100 votes for his
victory. Behind him were
America's James Cagney with
four votes for "One, Two, Three,"
and Paul Newman, with two
votes for "The Hustler."

Easily beaten

Miss Loren easily beat out
competition, receiving 11 votes.
She was followed by Geraldine
Page, who got four votes for
"Summer and Smoke" and
Piper Laurie, who gained a
single ballot for "The Hustler."
Robert Wise and Jerome
Robbins, directors of "West Side
Story," got six votes to finish
second for best director.—AP.Princess
Royal's
tourOttawa, Dec. 28.
The Canadian Prime Minister,
Mr. John Diefenbaker, today
announced details of the visit
the Princess Royal will make
to Canada next year about the
same time as the Queen Mother.The Princess Royal will
present new Colours to the
Royal Regiment of Canada in
Toronto on June 16 and to the
Canadian Scottish Regiment
(Princess Mary's Own) in
Victoria a week later. She is
Colonel-in-Chief of both.She will also be made an
Honorary Bencher of the Law
Society of upper Canada and
visit her other Canadian
regiment, the Royal Canadian
Corps of Signals.It was announced earlier that
the Duke of Edinburgh will
make a private visit to Canada
next spring to attend the
second Commonwealth study
conference from May 14 to
June 6 at McGill University,
Montreal.—Reuter.

STRIKE OFF

New York, Dec. 28.
Settlement of a dispute which
had threatened to halt New
York's buses and subways at
the height of New Year's cele-
bration was announced tonight
by Mayor Robert Wagner.He said a new two-year con-
tract, replacing one which ex-
pires on January 1, would cost
the city about \$90 million in
pay rises.—Reuter.British Post Office
workers will
work to ruleLondon, Dec. 28.
Leaders of Britain's Post Office Workers' Union
today unanimously confirmed their decision
that their 170,000 members should work to
rule, starting on Monday.The decision on this go-slow,
which is expected to cripple
the nation's postal and tele-
phone services, was announced
at a Press conference after
Union leaders had met to con-
sider a letter from the Post-
master General, Mr. Reginald
Bevin.Mr. Bevin has warned that
negotiations on wages could not
continue if the Union insists on
carrying out its go-slow plan.
Union Secretary, Mr. Ron
Smith, replied by letter today
that his Executive Council had
been unable to discover any-
thing in Mr. Bevin's attitude
which indicated a serious wish
to negotiate.Mr. Bevin issued a statement
an hour later saying he "de-
plored" the Union's decision.
He refused to give way to a
"demand under threats."

Emergency services

A 40-page pamphlet giving
details of working-to-rule which
will be sent to all Union mem-
bers said, among other things,
that postmen must not push
letters under doors or through
windows, even though requested
to do so.Mr. Smith said the Union
executive will meet two weeks
after the work-to-rule starts to
study developments. During
the go-slow, emergency services
will be maintained.The Union is asking for
substantial pay rises. Mr.
Bevin has said pay rises can-
not be considered until the
government's "pay pause"
austerity drive is concluded.Britain's 75,000 Post Office
engineers are also considering
working to rule over a pay dis-
pute.—Reuter.Anti-Trujillo
mob
action

Santo Domingo, Dec. 28.

A new wave of anti-Trujillo
feeling swept Santo
Domingo today, with
street gangs roaming the
city searching for "spies."They cornered one pro-
Trujillo suspect in the heart of
the city and beat him until
police arrived. A victim of a
similar beating yesterday was
near death in hospital.Police stood by as crowds of
several hundred roamed the
streets looking for "enemies."
They broke into the Internal
Revenue office on a tip a "spy"
was hiding there, pushing past
police guards, but failed to find a
victim.A few youths in the crowd set
up a chant that two "spies" were
in the American Consulate seek-
ing passports but the majority of
the mob ignored the incitation.
The Consulate has been attacked
twice in recent weeks after
similar allegations.About 50 youths milled about
the door of the U.S. passport
office for more than an hour be-
fore dispersing. However, some
youths remained watching the
doorway.—UPI.Violation
chargesUnited Nations, Dec. 28.
Senegal has charged Portugal
with three violations of Senegal-
ese territory, it was revealed
today.The United Nations released
the text of a cable sent by
Senegalese Foreign Minister
Doudou Thiam on December 22
to Omar Loutfi, the United
Arab Republic, this month's
President of the Security Coun-
cil.—UPI.Had false
trade marks
on four
car coatsA manufacturer who admitted
having car coats with false
trade marks on them, was
fined \$10,000 with the alterna-
tive of six months' jail today.
Central Magistrate, Mr. K.A.S.
Phillips passed sentence on Ho
Sai-to, 36, of 41 Peiho-street,
Kowloon.He told the court that he
bought the labels from a man
and that he did not know that
it was an offence.Revenue Insp. C. G. Kerwill,
prosecuting, told the court that
a party of Revenue officers
raided the Chun Hing Garment
Co at 2B Peiho-st.A search was made and a total
of four car coats labelled "Union
sports wear of California" were
found.There were a number of partly
made up coats and in addition,
16 labels marked "Union sports
wear of California" were also
found.The four car coats and the 16
labels were confiscated.Money in
circulationCurrency in circulation in
November totalled \$1,025,240-
312.30, made up as follows:
Banknotes: Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation,
\$867,800,000; Chartered Bank,
\$81,447,700; Mercantile Bank
Ltd, \$3,262,350.Government issues—\$1 notes,
\$31,741,487; \$1 coins, \$11,000-
000; subsidiary notes and coins,
\$29,988,775.30.Hongkong Clearing House
figures for November—\$2,130-
624,023.06.KUN TONG LAND
TO BE SOLDA piece of Crown land in
Hung To-road, Kun Tong,
about 10,000 square feet in
area, will be sold at a public
auction at the Crown Lands
and Survey Office, Central
Government Offices, on Janu-
ary 29.The land is restricted to
industrial or godown purposes.
The upset price is \$300,000.

dear sir

In brief

"Cassandra's" description of
Hongkong is, it trite, at least
brief. Top Columnist Roderick
Mann's description of Hong-
kong (published in your
excellent paper not long ago)
was much longer.

N. T. CHOW.

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The quiet man who wants to put a tax on noise

by DAVID ASH

WITH as little wrist-work as possible I tapped on the door at the headquarters of the Quiet People.

I was calling on two leading guerrillas in an almost military campaign against NOISE. John Connell, founder-secretary of the Noise Abatement Society, and Colonel Ronald Taylor, retired infantry commander and the first of an anticipated army of 1000 anti-noise officers.

Mr Connell, a publicist with hair greying by 51 years in this noisy world, is Training Colonel Taylor as a "prototype" for the others, who will eventually get part time pay.

Colonel Taylor, tall, moustached and soldierly, told me briskly "I'm the Sevenoaks district organiser on a voluntary basis."

"Sevenoaks isn't a very noisy place, of course, but we shall appoint area lieutenants and local wardens to investigate complaints, and, if necessary, take action under the Noise Abatement Act."

Ssh!

Armed with a sound-level meter, a black box with a dial recording the rate of decibels (units of sound)—Colonel Taylor has made a training sortie with Mr Connell following a complaint by Viscountess Casanova about pneumatic drills outside her Mayfair flat.

The drills registered more than 100 decibels (a public library sound-level averages about 40 decibels). And the Quiet Men approached the drills' foreman, Mr Paddy O'Donoghue, who was "most co-operative."

"He agreed that the work in hand should be done more quietly—with picks," said Mr Connell.

"Incidentally," he added, "some firms already reduce noise with an acoustic booth round each man who is drilling. But I am wanting experiments to produce drills and heavy machinery which will be quieter."

"And if the Government backs my recommendation of a tax on noise, people with noisy machinery will be forced according to the noise it makes above 60 decibels."

Ssh!

In the office next door a secretary answered a telephone which gave a muted ring. "Noise," said Mr Connell, "can injure tissues through its vibrations, affect sight and hearing, cause anger and extreme hatred, prevent sleep and recuperation, and sap energy."

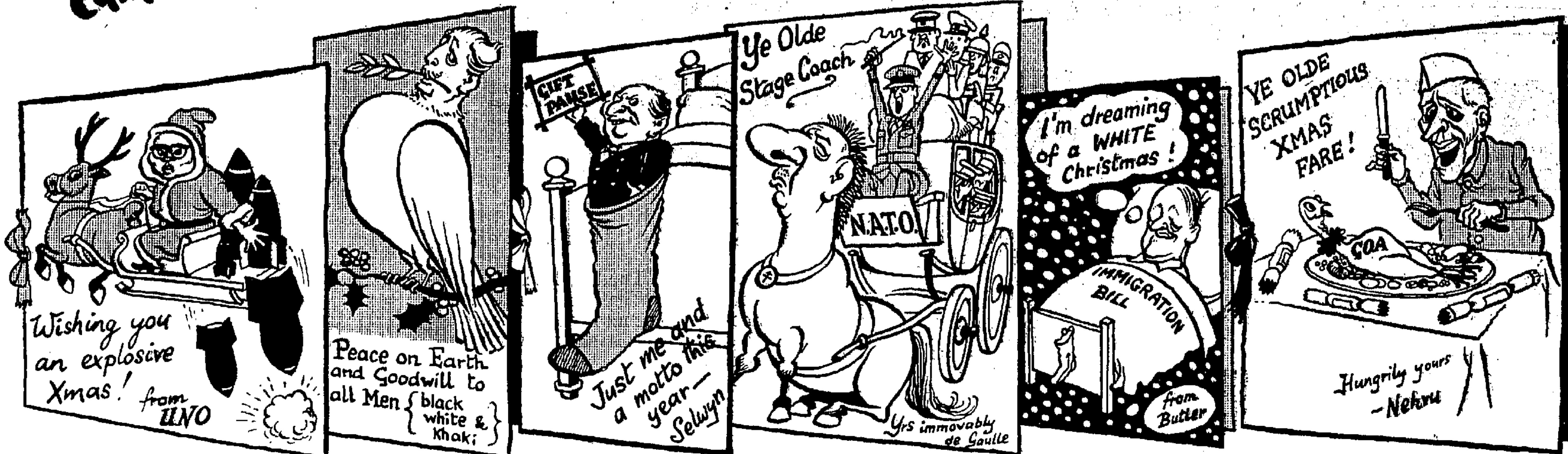
"It can make a nation lose £1,000 million in productivity per year."

Colonel Taylor told me: "My telephone has been very noisy since I took on this job. No end of people ring me with complaints."

"The trouble is," he admitted, "that whenever I go into the local for a quiet beer, everyone says Ssh!"

(London Express Service).

Cummings



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THE MAN WHO WON'T GIVE IN!

by MAURICE EDELMAN, M.P.

LABOUR MEMBER FOR NORTH COVENTRY

"DE GAULLE," said Churchill to Maurice Schumann during the war, "is stubborn, arrogant, rude, stiff-necked, and always gets his own way—yes, de Gaulle is definitely a great man."

On the other hand, the British Prime Minister, when asked after a long interview with de Gaulle to give the Basic English for "our gallant allies," is alleged to have replied, "These bloody foreigners!"

The two stories express the mixture of admiration and exasperation with which the West and I have no doubt, the East as well regards the man who today is king of France in every-day life.

Over Berlin, over negotiations with the Russians, and in the last few days over the Nato talks, he has been the odd man out of the West—and unshakable.

From the time when he walked upright amid a hail of bullets at the Liberation ceremony in Notre Dame de Gaulle has made it increasingly clear that he regards himself as being personally under divine protection.

SUBLINE

Possessing what he calls the *baraka*—an Arabic word meaning God's special blessing—he views the troubled domestic scene of France and the continuing anguish of Algeria with a sublime calm.

His self-portrait written when he was a keen-eyed young officer hasn't changed, even though he is now grey, portly, and suffering from cataracts in his eyes. "His passion for acting on his own is naturally accompanied by a certain roughness of conduct... The leader is distant too, for authority is not to be had without prestige, nor prestige without aloofness..."

RESPECT

De Gaulle never changes, because he is always living up to this ideal pattern of himself.

"Would de Gaulle do such a thing?" he asks in pained surprise when his policies are questioned.

This habit of referring to himself in the third person is yet another example of the respect with which he regards himself as leader of France.

Like some political prophet, he lives on an intellectual mountain from which he makes cloudy pronouncements. Does he want to give self-rule to Algeria? No one quite knows; but hitherto, the lack of precision has enabled de Gaulle to be all things to most men.

The paradoxes of de Gaulle constitute his strength. An authoritarian by education and tradition, he nevertheless fought Petain.

A conservative, he took socialists into his Provisional Government in 1944.

A dedicated soldier, he is in conflict with many of the army chiefs in Algeria.

And finally, an enemy of Communism, de Gaulle did not hesitate to do a deal with Stalin in order to benefit France.

HIS BOND

I think that this absence of partisanship in de Gaulle for anything except the idea of France is his strongest bond with the French people, whom, as a family man himself, he sees in the image of a great, energetic, talented but quarrelsome family.

The family of France is de Gaulle's prime concern; Europe comes a long way after it and it would be idle to deny that he views Britain with admiration diluted by suspicion.

De Gaulle likes power; he dislikes administration. "He is a President who hates to preside," one of his Ministers said after de Gaulle had told his departmental Ministers to get on with their jobs and not to trouble him with detail.

De Gaulle rarely bothers with the personality problems of others, but when he does he makes short shrift of them. He once disposed of a British politician with: "That man isn't serious; he dances too much."

(London Express Service).

AN ASTONISHING POLL

Major Sir Henry d'Avigdor-Goldsmid

TORY MP

I AM opposed to capital punishment and would think this is a good case for not applying it. It has not, so far, been provided in Israeli law.

I would have no difficulty in supporting the suggestion that Eichmann should be handed over to the Germans.

Georgia Brown

ACTRESS

I TEND to think he ought to be branded with the mark of Cain and let loose. But this is obviously a little ludicrous. Perhaps the best thing would be to sentence him to life imprisonment in jail. I am against hanging him.

Charles Clore

PROPERTY TYCOON

EICHMANN should not be imprisoned for life. It would be a danger to let him loose. He has not repented or expressed regret for his actions.

The trial has established the Jewish point, and this one man's life will not atone for everything or anything that he did. Anyway, he is just a shell now.

Rabbi Isidore Epstein

PRINCIPAL JEWS' COLLEGE, LONDON

HE should not hang, but be imprisoned for life.

The subject: Eichmann hang

Dr Norman Bentwich, the eminent British Jew, in a remarkable letter published in *The Times* the other day, pleaded that Eichmann should not be hanged. Leading and well-known Jews were asked their opinions. Those who agreed to comment were unanimous.

It would be a danger to let him loose. He has not repented or expressed regret for his actions.

Sir Barnett Janner

MP, CHAIRMAN OF BOARD OF DEPUTIES OF BRITISH JEWS

I DO not believe in capital punishment and therefore I cannot speak objectively on the matter in the circumstances.

Sydney Silverman

LABOUR MP

I AM myself against the death penalty in this case because it is such a stupid anti-climax.

I think it lowers the dignity and effectiveness of the action by treating him as if he were of any importance at all. What is the proper thing to do, I frankly don't know.

The Hon. Lilian Montagu

WRITER

I AM always against capital punishment, and from a general viewpoint I think I am against it for Eichmann. It is too good for him.

I think he should be imprisoned for life by himself, and be allowed to read. He could read what he liked, but books of a spiritual nature should be at his disposal.

Arnold Wesker

PLAYWRIGHT

EICHMANN should be sent to Spandau Prison, where the other German criminals were kept, to serve a life sentence. To set him free or to keep him in an Israeli prison would be inhuman.

It is no good the Israelis hanging him and then saying his crimes have been vindicated. Nothing could vindicate the crimes committed by Eichmann.

(London Express Service).

Pleasant Christmas present

Tokyo. JAPAN made some handsome Christmas presents—and received very pleasant ones in return—by making new trade agreements with Britain, France, Argentina and Finland. Each of the parties has eased restrictions and opened the way for a considerable extension of two-way trade.

In general, the new accords will mean trebling present volume of trade with obviously widespread and beneficial results. The only snag appears to be the worsening congestion at Japan's major ports which simply cannot handle current inward and outward freight efficiently.

However, many of Japan's export goods, which have been freed—such as cameras, transistor radios, optical goods and the like—are now being air-freighted.

This matter of congestion in Japan has within the past year risen to the point where no obvious "cures" are foreseeable. The figures for traffic accidents show an awesome figure of nearly 900 people being killed and injured daily. The figure for "industrial accidents" is nearly three times that number. There are just too many people in too small a space.

★ ★ ★
'DELICATE, DAINTY AND SWEET'

Volumes have been written about Japan's "delicate, dainty and sweet" women—usually by those with only a fleeting acquaintance with the country.

So the joke of the week was the headline in the *Asahi Evening News* "Five Women Nabbed For Beating Up GI's."

It seems these little lotus blossoms hung around bars frequented by American servicemen and stood over the boys for cash and drink—or cash.

If the GI's didn't play, then the girls would attack with high-heeled shoes or wooden clogs. One tough Marine Corps sergeant was in hospital for six weeks after a brush with these "cute" creatures.

Self-defence

There was a case some time ago where a 22-year-old bus conductress was given a lift home on the pillow seat of a motor cycle. The rider stopped by a river bank where, according to the girl, he tried to get fresh. She strangled him, threw him into the river—and for good measure checked the motorcycle in as well.

She dutifully reported to the nearest police box, but the cops let her go a few hours later on the grounds she was "only defending herself." More likely they were glad to have her out of the way—and Japanese police are no cowards.

Muscles

Tokyo now has over 100,000 cabaret hostesses according to recently issued statistics. If the girls who double as waitresses in coffee shops and bars were added, the figure would be even higher. It is quite an army of beautiful women. But under the creamy skin is a bunch of muscles. Most of them

JAPAN NEWSLETTER FROM DAVID GORDON

can hit like Rocky Marciano and they have the staying power of Zatopek.

★ ★ ★
The lucky man

An adventurous Japanese businessman, Hideki Yokoi, is making plans to build two 50,000-ton luxury liners for the trans-Pacific service.

He envisages ships which will cruise at 45 knots—taking only six days from Yokohama to San Francisco. Each would accommodate 5,000 passengers.

Regarded by the public as a "lucky man," Yokoi has made a success of every venture he's undertaken. Recently he opened a coffee shop in downtown Tokyo called "Ladies Town."

The waitresses are all over 5ft 6 ins tall and can wear any kind of dress they please. Some wear kimono, others evening gowns and a few even wear sweaters and slacks.

The place is packed daily. The brilliant idea of letting the girls wear what they think suits themselves best, is coming money for Yokoi—and there's no doubt about the effect on "customer-client relations" as the girls just ooze personality.

★ ★ ★
SILENCE PLEASE

Someone finally did it here and opened a place called "Coffee Shop Crazy." It is, customers say, scribble on the walls or carve their initials on the furniture. Another place, the "Bar Beat," has a motorcycle on a stand. Any customer who feels like letting off steam can sit on it and rev up the engine till it screams. In the meantime, there's a band playing hot music, so it's not hard to guess what the din is like.

One of the "peaceful" sides of life in Tokyo is that, after years of angry protests, the citizens managed to have the police ban motor horns in the city—thereby getting down the noise quite appreciably. However, since then apparently nothing has happened. They've usually set about making more noise indoors. It is no longer possible to go anywhere for a "quiet drink" without an unbearable din of honking horns. A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL.

DON'T LET THE SANTA CLAUS LEGEND DIE

He is essential for 'pretending' stage

THE legend of Santa Claus, his sled, reindeer and those dead-of-night trips down the chimney can play a vital part in a child's life. Never debunk that legend—unless the truth is demanded.

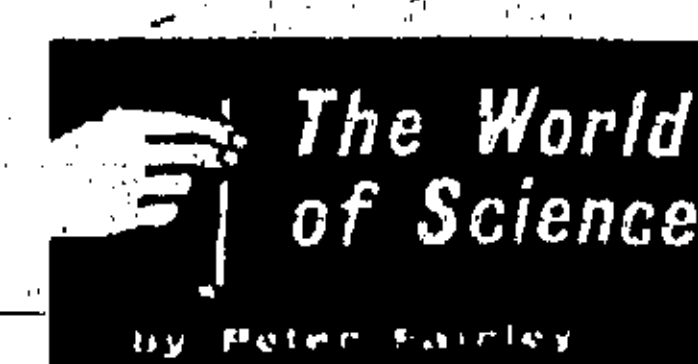
This seasonal advice to parents comes from an Oxford psychiatrist, Dr Hugh Freeman. Father Christmas, he says, is part of a stage which all children pass through—pretending.

The bearded figure in red represents—many—unsatisfied wishes, and he is part of the "package deal" which our modern Christmas has become.

If the Santa Claus part is not true, the child asks himself, what is?

Dr Freeman suggests that over-commercialisation of the feast, plus the large numbers of professional Santas, have made it very difficult for a boy or girl to believe in a real Father Christmas today.

"If a child asks if he is real," he adds, "it is quite likely that he already doubts. It does no harm to go along with the child."



if his belief is strong, but it is pointless to bolster up a myth that is already crumbling."

Dr Freeman—writing in the *British Medical Association publication, Family Doctor*—adds a warning.

Never go to extremes to put over the legend. Parents who do so often want desperately to believe it themselves—and are living too much "through their children"—or are trying to

make up for unhappy Christmas in their youth.

NO HANDLES

Wintry Note. — American scientists have developed a refrigerator without doors. It has shelves, with air ducts in them. An icy blast is forced through the ducts to cool food and set up a "curtain" of cold air, which keeps out heat from the room.

Manufacturer's explanation? The new fridge saves people opening and closing a door.

Oh, this push-button age. **AUTO-TOOTHBRUSH** Christmas gift for the obsessed scientist: Automatic toothbrush, battery operated with a detachable brush. It also backs and forth across the teeth with rapid strokes, and is sold with four coloured

"spares" and a gadget for recharging the battery from the house mains.

THAT STAR

This is the time of year when it is fashionable to seek scientific explanation of the Star of Bethlehem, which drew the three Wise Men to the birthplace of Jesus.

The riddle is unlikely ever to be settled. For there is doubt about the exact date of the event—it may have been four or even 10 B.C. For those who like to argue, I suggest these possibilities:

Was it a planet? Venus, for instance, is very bright—one of the brightest attractions in the sky. The Wise Men, however, are thought to have known enough about astronomy not to have been in doubt.

Was it a supernova? These "new stars" are really old ones which suddenly flare up—temporarily outshining all others. But no such event is mentioned in other ancient records.

Flying saucers? One group of British space fanatics has suggested this. Since—with all the aids of modern science at their disposal—they have been unable to produce proof of saucers in the 20th century, it is hard to swallow the idea that they approached the world B.C.

Was it a meteor? They make brilliant spectacles, burning up in the atmosphere. But they are usually noticeable only for a few seconds. The Bethlehem Star seems to have endured longer.

Was it a rare bunching of bright stars like Jupiter and Saturn? One astronomer is reported as having witnessed these two come close to each other—to be joined later by Mars—in 1603.

From their motions he calculated that a similar freak occurred in 6 B.C. But checks show that the Sun was almost in line with the planets at that time—making them hard to see.

Was it a comet? These lumps of rock whirling in space orbits brighten and develop conspicuous "tails" when they approach the Sun. They can be seen with the naked eye for weeks or months—what fits the Bethlehem report.

It has been worked out that one comet—Halley's—has approached at a suitable angle to Jerusalem around Christmas time each of the 27 times it has neared the Earth, since 87 B.C.

Almost certainly, it came close in 11 B.C. Was this too early to fit the legend?

Or was the star a miracle? In this scientific age at Christmas time it is nice to hope so.

(London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE

LADY LUCK

YOUR CHINA MAIL HOROSCOPE

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): Be sure not to overlook the approach of an important anniversary within the family.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): A personal problem which tends to interfere with your work should be settled by the first of the year.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A change in your surroundings would be advisable at this juncture, and you should make an effort to bring it about.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Settle a small debt before it slips your memory and you are embarrassed by receiving a reminder.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): After a romantic interlude which was pleasant while it lasted, you will have to come down to earth again.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Your new duties from the first of the year should provide more scope for your executive ability.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Don't be afraid to approach a superior with a request you feel you are entitled to make.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): A strained relationship with a close relative will improve in the course of a New Year's party.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): An unscrupulous person whom you are trying to reform is not above taking advantage of you.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): Don't commit yourself to an unusual expenditure unless it fully merits the economies it would entail.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Do some more constructive planning before stepping boldly into a new venture next month.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Think more seriously about the future instead of dissipating your energy on futile pursuits.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If today is your birthday, a promotion to a more responsible position will make you alter your mind about seeking a change next year.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Walk In The Rain

—Merlin's Magic Keeps Everyone Dry—

By MAX TRELL

"HELLO, Kids," said Mr. Merlin, the Most Marvellous and Magnificent Magician, to Knarf and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names, "how would you like to take a walk with me?"

Hanid said, "It isn't a very good day for walking, Mr. Merlin. It's raining."

Looked out

"Raining?" repeated Mr. Merlin. He went over to the window and looked out. "To be sure!" he said. "The next moment, 'But we don't care about a little rain, do we?'"

"Of course we do!" said Knarf. "We'll get all wet."

"Now let's see what we can do about it," said Mr. Merlin. He snapped his fingers. There were three puffs of blue smoke. When the smoke cleared away, Knarf and Hanid and Mr. Merlin were all covered with white feathers.

Feathers disappeared

Knarf said the feathers made him feel itchy. Hanid said the feathers weren't very pretty. Mr. Merlin snapped his fingers again. And the feathers disappeared.

"Let's see what else we can do!" he said.

Once more Mr. Merlin snapped his fingers. Again the room filled with blue smoke. When the smoke cleared away, Knarf and Hanid and Mr. Merlin were holding umbrellas over their heads.

Do they like them?

"Well," said Mr. Merlin, "how do you like your umbrellas?"

Knarf said his mushroom-umbrella was pretty funny-looking.

"Not at all," said Mr. Merlin. "Thousands of Bugs all over the world use mushroom-umbrellas."

"But I'm not a Bug," said Knarf.

"We'll take care of that in a minute," said Mr. Merlin. Knarf started to shout that he didn't want to be a Bug. It was too late! Mr. Merlin had already snapped his fingers. There was a puff of smoke at the spot where Knarf stood. When the smoke cleared away, there was a Bug standing in the middle of the room under a mushroom.

"What about you?" Mr. Merlin asked Hanid. "Are you happy with your palm tree umbrella?"

"Not very much," Hanid started to say. Then he remembered about Knarf's being changed into a Bug and he hastily added, "But I'll get used to it."

"Lizards like it," said Mr. Merlin.

He snapped his fingers, and the next second, in place of Hanid, who mysteriously van-



Knarf became a Bug, holding a mushroom-umbrella.

Not too happy

"As for me," said Mr. Merlin as he smiled at the Bug and the Lizard, "I'm not really too happy with this branch of a spreading chestnut tree. On the other hand, if I were a Robin, this would be the best umbrella in the world."

He snapped his fingers and, an instant later, a Robin with the branch of a chestnut tree over his head was standing next to the Bug with the mushroom and the Lizard with the palm tree leaf.

"Come along," chirped the Robin to the Bug and the Lizard. "Now let's take a walk in the rain."

Strange sight

And (though you may not believe it) the People who lived on Knarf's and Hanid's street and who happened to be standing by their windows on this particular rainy afternoon, saw a Bug walking by with a mushroom over his head and a Lizard scampering by with a palm tree leaf over her head and a Robin hopping by with a branch of a chestnut tree spread over his head.

And they wondered if they saw what they thought they saw.

"Yes, you were right, Mr. Merlin," Hanid said later after they had returned home and were back in their own shapes again, "none of us got a bit wet. You are the Most Marvellous and Magnificent Magician."

"I know it," said Mr. Merlin.

Rupert and the Popweed—49



Teaching the open air Rupert is met by the Scepter, who stars in astonishment. "What back already!" he exclaims. "What's your punishment? When do you then catch sight of the sound 'back' with Rupert's holding? Well, of all the lucky, ALL RIGHTS RESERVED



Young slumps!" it grins. "What next? Back to Rocky Bay, eh?" Soon the Merboy appears and sends the Scepter on an errand round the island. Then to Rupert's delight, he fetches the boat with the boy from the next creek.

JILL BUTTERFIELD: a girl in

TODAY: A LOOK AT THE AMERICAN FASHION SCENE ... WITH

Robb



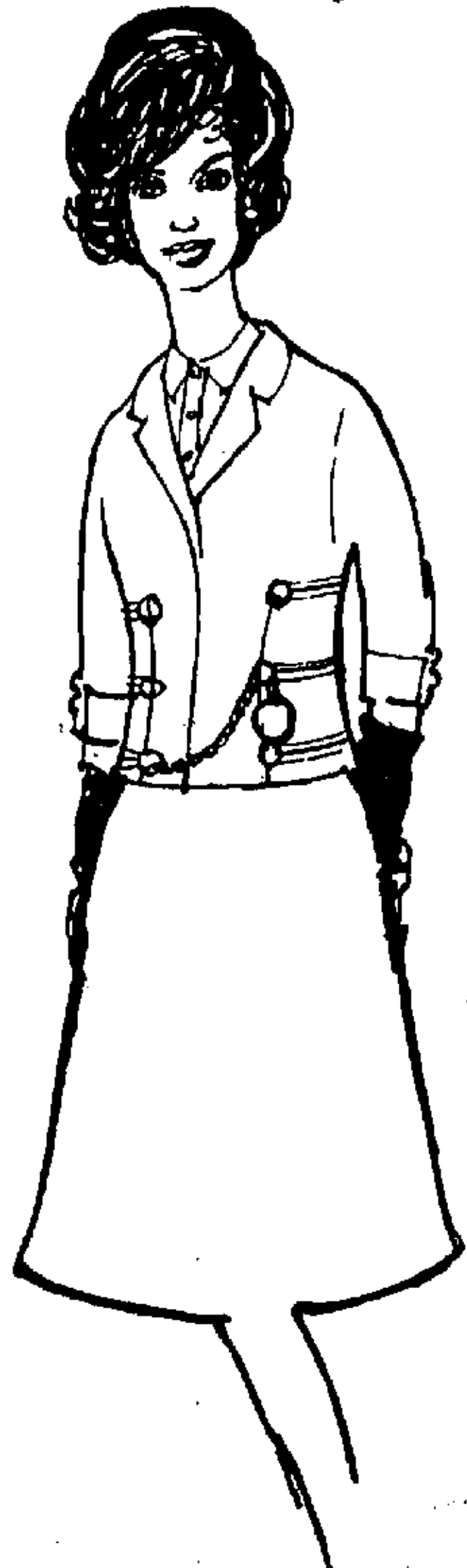
NEW YORK PARTY... Little black dresses, little perched-on hats, little luxury dog

It's so hard to be truly creative when there's a furious rush

New York. It is this fear of standing out in a crowd that, I believe, has forced America's brightest talents into other than normal fashion fields—and thus given the country its fashion reputation of flamboyance, dazzle, and dotty good looks.

For when it comes to at-home clothes, great-outdoor clothes, and under-clothes it's impossible to beat America anywhere in the world.

For winter evenings at-home I saw jersey dresses with long tight sleeves, easy fitting bodices, and skirts bellling down to an enchanting ankle length. Colours were vivid—skyblue teamed with Irish green, lilac with petunia.



AMERICAN LOOK FOR SPRING DESIGNED BY MRS. KENNEDY DRESSMAKER, OLEG CASSINI

Shrew

It is designed to turn a girl into a woman and a woman into a shrew quicker than you can say cost-price.

It is not much of a place for the imaginative professional either—for it is limited by the most important factor governing American fashion today.

As Jackie Kennedy's dress-maker, Oleg Cassini, told me: "The fantastic wish of the American woman to conform at all costs makes it difficult to be truly creative. The American woman has given herself a formal uniform and she clings to it as rigidly as the old school tie."

Fear

It is this fear of being "different" that squeezes every woman regardless of age or size into a little black sheath dress, a little fur stole, a little pill-box hat, and a little row of pearls after six o'clock.

It is this run-with-the-pack mentality that collars every winter coat with some sort of fur, makes tapestry bags the overnight rage.

It is this need to follow some example, that explains the overwhelming effect on American fashion of Jackie Kennedy. Today every other dress is some sort of adaptation of her simple little sheaths.

Vivid

Today every other neckline is collarless. Sleeves are almost a thing of the fashion past, rose pink is New York's favourite colour and, thanks to the First Lady, New York hemlines are at last "creeping up to snuff" European heights.

red. Every party dress has a pinafore that's both protection and decoration. And every garment goes happily into the washing-machine.

But the things I would most like to transplant to England's surly shopping land are those fabulous American stores, recently bedizen for Christmas with skies full of stars, with acres of holly, with twinkling silver, wassail balls and Christmas trinkeries by the floorful.

Example

England's stores could copy to their credit:—

● The incredible range of sizing which every departmental store carries. I counted up to 35 different-size combinations in one best-selling dress. A far cry from the English four sizes—if you're lucky.

● The windows dressed actually to woo you inside longing for that pair of fur-lined mittens

—when you really set out for a tin of broad beans.

● The testing laboratory at Macy's city-sized store. Everything the shop advertises is put through the most rigorous test—beds are jumped on by a mammoth machine; rain pours incessantly on a mackintosh; an artificial sun beats down on a hammock.

● Tough, but pretty, carrier bags handed-out for free, rest rooms that are large, light, and airy, the temptation of the ground floor always scented always packed, with beautiful scarves, with glittering jewelry, with every brand of make-up under a mackintosh, with all the bits and trimmings needed to jazz up the eternal little black dress.

Despite the uniformity of the New York fashion scene, it doesn't surprise me that American women spend 14.3 billion dollars a year on clothes. Fifth-avenue alone could tempt the rent, rates, and gas bill from a padlocked pocket.

—(London Express Service).

Guilty parents and do-good toys

"WHAT better way to start a lad down life's road? A constructive hobby companionship father and son with heads together on a mutual project... and at home. Here is a boy you will never have to worry about."

The promise of this model son, this happy, united family group is made by a parson, a Scotlandmaster, or the head master of a progressive school.

CONFUSED

Not a bit of it. He is the manufacturer of a model railway kit.

He is not the only toy-maker to realise this Christmas that the best way to sell toys to parents is to show them how good their particular product is for the kiddies. The days when a doll was bought because Jennifer liked its pretty dress, or a football game because William thought it ripping fun, are over.

Today's mother buys a doll because it not only has rosy cheeks, blue eyes, and says "Mama," but also recites

nursery rhymes which "help teach your child to talk."

The football game, of course, is "ideal for planning tactical play."

The toy manufacturers have hit on the right generation of parents for this line in sales-talk. Confused by baby experts and psychiatrists, we guiltily grab at anything that will prove that we are Doing Right by our children.

What young mother would buy an old-fashioned box of coloured bricks promising "fun" for her child, when she can buy a box that "teaches finger control, balance, and patience?"

And how could you deprive your child by handing him something "bendable and lovable" when you could be "stimulating creative building, developing eye-hand co-ordination and shape-colour perception" with a truck of blocks?

A DARE

Words like Creative Fun and Action Toy are hung above the counters in big stores. There is a range called Child Guidance Toys. So many hopeful parents were crowding round the counter labelled "The Thinking Boy's

JACOBY on BRIDGE

HERE is an actual hand from one of the matches in this summer's knockout team championships which shows another gambling grand slam.

Charles Jacoby, sitting North, opened two clubs as a force. Many experts today use other two bids as weak hands, but reserve two clubs for all rockcrushers.

Dr. John Fisher, sitting South, had just enough for a positive response. (The negative response is two diamonds.)

West did not know who was going to do what to whom, but he decided that a five diamond bid would stir things up.

It sure did. Jacoby went into a trance. Decided that he could not buy the hand below seven and that if he did bid seven the one sure thing would be that he would not have to look at a diamond lead. After

NORTH (D)			
AKQ765			
AQ864			
42			
None			
WEST		EAST	
10		J932	
9		5	
AKQ863		J10	
AK82		J107654	
SOUTH			
84			
KJ10732			
75			
Q93			
North and South vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
2	Pass	2	Pass
7	Pass	Pass	Double
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—4 K			

all, West was a great expert who shall be nameless and East would never play Jacoby for any diamonds if he jumped to seven.

So Jacoby bid seven and things worked out even better than he had hoped. To start with, West doubled. Jacoby did not redouble. He felt that a redouble would give away the fact that he was void of clubs.

So he just passed and let West drop a high club on the table. Dr. Fisher ruffed in dummy and had no trouble setting up the spades upon which to discard his two losing diamonds.

CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1	Pass	1	Pass
2NT	Pass	3	Pass
4	Pass	4NT	Pass
5	Pass	?	?

You, South, hold:

AK1087 ♠ K54 ♠ A632

What do you do?

A—If you feel like gambling bid seven diamonds. If you feel conservative bid at diamond only. If you want to be scientific bid five no-trump to ask for kings.

TODAY'S QUESTION

You hold:

AK54 ♠ AK54 ♠ 322 435

How do you open the bidding?

Answer Tomorrow

By Shirley Lowe

Toy," that I wasn't able to fatter my son by buying him one.

Quite new are the bits of natural coloured wood that the little one puts together to make unrecognisable trains and cranes.

Shops selling them work on the old theory that "all a child needs is a cardboard box and he's happy." This appeals to parents who worry that their child is being spoiled by an over-indulgence of colourful gifts.

The difference is that the pieces of wood cost a lot more than this cardboard box.

The toy buyer in a large store says: "Parents want to buy more than ever toys that teach."

Faced with that I dare any parents to go out and buy his son the tiny route board complete with bustling traffic.

—(London Express Service).

RAPIER'S RACING COMMENTS

Spotlight on Class 1 and Class 4 horses on Monday

SPRINGBOKS TAKE 99-RUN FIRST-INNINGS TEST LEAD OVER KIWIS

Johannesburg, Dec. 28. Rhodesian fast bowler Godfrey Lawrence took eight wickets for 53 runs in helping South Africa to dismiss New Zealand for 223 and take a first innings lead of 99 in the second unofficial cricket Test here today.

South Africa, who made 322 in their first innings, scored 59 without loss in the 55 minutes left for play on the third day of the match, which ends tomorrow.

South African wicket-keeper-batsman John Watte, who hit 101 yesterday, took four catches off Lawrence's accurate bowling.

Opening batsman Graham Dowling was top-scorer for the touring team with 74, his best score in Test cricket. He hit a five and nine fours.

John Reid, the New Zealand captain, batted and for 39 and Gary Bartlett contributed a useful 21.

Graham Dowling, the New Zealand opener, who was 10 not out overnight, was in splendid form. He was underfired with 50 at the interval, his first half-century of the tour, and then hit a five and six fours.

Dowling and skipper John Reid added 66 for the third wicket before Reid was trapped leg before for 39.

Godfrey Lawrence, the Rhodesian fast bowler, captured all the first three wickets at a cost of 28.

The wicket was playing easily and did not give the bowlers much help.

Scoreboard

FIRST INNINGS	
South Africa: 322 (J. Watte 101, M. K. Elgie 35, F. Cameron 116 for 8)	
New Zealand: 223 (G. Dowling 74, J. Reid 39, G. T. Doherty 28, J. Bartlett 21, J. R. Reid 116, Lawrence 8-28)	

THE ROYAL HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB 6TH RACE MEETING

Monday 1st January, 1962 and Saturday 6th January, 1962

(To be held under the Rules of The Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club) THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 18 RACES (There will be 10 races on the 1st Day and 8 races on the 2nd Day)

The First Day will be held at 11.30 a.m. on the 1st Day and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon. The Lunch interval will be after Race 4 at 1.30 p.m.

On the 2nd Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race run at 2.00 p.m.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.45 a.m. on the 2nd Day

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an Admission Badge will be admitted. Admission Badges at \$25.00 each per day are obtainable only on the written introduction of a Member. Admission Badges may be obtained during office hours from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (Facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street, King's Road, North Point and 382 Nathan Road. ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE AND WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Admission to the Members' Enclosure can be gained only by the entrance to the Members' Stand and upon production of Badges and Brooches, which must be worn throughout the duration of the meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Members wishing to proceed to Club Boxes on the 4th and 5th Floors of the Public Stand must do so from the 2nd Floor of the Members' Stand, using the lift or stairs.

Apart from the foregoing, Members, their Ladies, and Members' Guests are not permitted to enter the Public Enclosure and Stand.

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years (Western Standard) will be admitted to the Club's premises during the meeting.

Lunches will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 76-2811).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The gates will open at 9.30 a.m. on the 1st Day and at 11.30 a.m. on the 2nd Day.

The price of admission will be \$10.00 each per day payable at the Gate. Admission Badges will be issued and they must be prominently displayed throughout the Meeting. Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$10.00 in order to gain re-admission with the exception that on the 1st Day any person who wishes to leave the Enclosure for lunch and obtain re-admission must leave and return between the hours of 1.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m., when they will be re-admitted on production of their Public Stand badge for that day.

Meals and Refreshments will be available in the Restaurants.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each for the 1st Day, \$18.00 each for the 2nd Day and \$36.00 each for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Prince's Building, Ground Floor (Facing Statue Square); 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available, but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 29th December 1961, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets on the Pearce Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 10th March, 1962, at \$20.00 each and Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each for the last race of this meeting may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices of the Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
F. D. ANGUS,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 28th December, 1961.

Orange Bowl Junior Tennis semi-finalists

Miami Beach, Dec. 28. A South African, an American, an Australian and a Brazilian today fought their way into the singles semi-finals of the Orange Bowl Junior Tennis Tournament at Miami Beach.

Mike Belkin of the United States gained his semi-final berth by beating second-seeded Anthony Roche of Australia. Belkin's easy 6-2, 6-2 win was the surprise performance of the day.

Australia's Geoffrey Pollard earned his semi-final place by beating the South African, Clive Brenner, by 4-6, 6-2, 9-7 in the hardest fought match of the quarter-finals.

The other semi-finalists are South Africa's Peter Symman, who beat the American Cliff Buchholz by 5-7, 6-1, 6-2 and the Brazilian Thomas Koch, who eliminated Claude De Gronckel of Belgium by 6-2, 6-3.

The singles finalists in the Under-15 category are India's Shyam Minotra and Ecuador's Francisco Guzman. In the semi-finals Minotra beat American George Stevenson by 7-5, 6-1 and Guzman eliminated Pete Fishback, also of the United States, by 8-6, 6-2.—AP.

Judo champion fighting for life after match injuries

Belgrade, Dec. 28. Veteran Japanese Judo champion Dr Kokili Nagoaka fought for life in a hospital today, his spine broken and his limbs paralysed from a fall in a Judo match.

Nagoaka, coach of a West German Judo team which toured Yugoslavia, has been breathing through a mechanical apparatus this week in the hospital at Ljubljana, capital of the Republic of Slovenia.

No perceptible improvement has been noted in his condition since the injuries occurred on December 21.

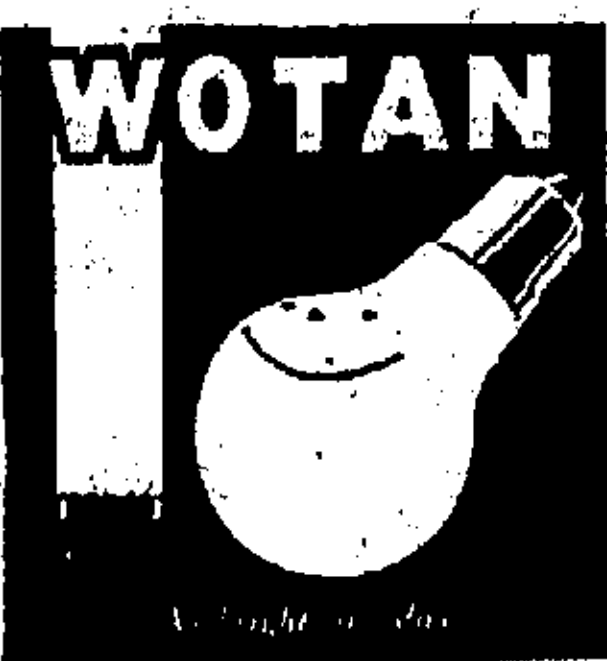
"The injury of Dr Nagoaka is one of the most difficult that can be inflicted upon the human body," Yugoslav specialist Dr Miles Remic said today. "If he lives, he has no chance for rehabilitation."

Spine crushed

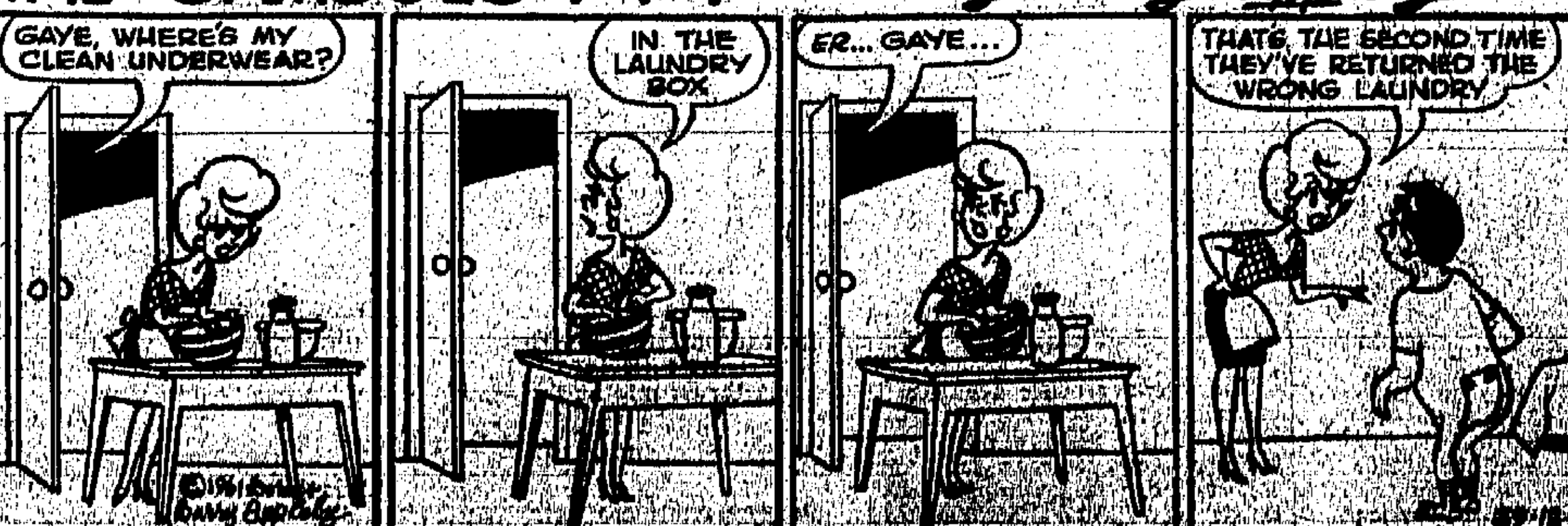
Nagoaka was injured during a match with Ivo Marek, a former champion of Yugoslavia. It was the last event of the evening. The Japanese had attacked eagerly, and in the first minute tried a "Uchimatan". However, he suddenly seemed to lack power and lost his balance. An instant later, Marek, who weighs 200 pounds, crushed him to the mat.

Nagoaka lay there motionless. He was rushed to the hospital, where it was determined his spine had been crushed, causing paralysis of his arms and legs, as well as hindering breathing. Doctors said his life will be in acute danger for the next few days.

Nagoaka is conscious and can talk.—AP.



THE GAMBOLS



SCARFACE AND GAME PIE PICKED TO WIN THE TWO MAIN EVENTS

The Royal Hongkong Jockey Club's 6th Race Meeting will be run on Monday, January 1, and on Saturday, January 6, 1962.

The programme will consist of 18 races—10 races on the First Day and eight races on the Second day.

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 am on the First Day and the First Race run at 12.00 noon. The lunch interval will be after the Fourth Race at 1.30 pm.

On the Second Day the First Bell will be rung at 1.30 pm and the First Race run at 2.00 pm. The most important events on the First Day are the Stewards Cup and the American Club Cup. Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE
Galway Handicap (First Section): 6 Furs. & 40 Yds.

The opening race is confined to Class 8 horses to be ridden by Novice Jockeys. The horses to watch here are Spinning Wheel (M. A. C. Roza), Rose Elect (Mok Wah-cheuk), George Porgie (J. B. Lim) and Cyclone (G. H. W. Oakford).

Spinning Wheel is my choice, and I think it should win, but Rose Elect and George Porgie are all fairly "tuned up" and are the main dangers to Spinning Wheel.

Cyclone, if given a good break-away, will also be a force to be reckoned with.

SECOND RACE
Galway Handicap (Second Section): 6 Furs. & 40 Yds.

It would appear that Gili (Chun Kit) is the logical choice for the first position in this sprint race for Class 8 horses.

Benefactor (Alex Lam) has shown improvement during morning gallops and should be near at the finish. Gemini (E. S. Wong), Mayfair (H. Fatwadi) and Not So Bad (Loughran) will probably fight it out for the minor places.

THIRD RACE
Hexham Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

Double Chance (T. H. Yau) won the Ardlar Plate over the mile for Class B horses at the Fourth Race Meeting in 1:44-4/5 and despite the fact that she has been promoted since then, is capable of extending her winning streak.

Double Chance's main opposition will come from Francoise (Chun Kit). Others to bear in mind are Gold Badge (H. K. Hung), First Prize (R. J. Loughran) and Precious Coral (Allan Chan).

FOURTH RACE
Curragh Handicap (First Section): 6 Furs. & 40 Yds.

If Milky Way (Oakford) repeats the form she displayed when winning the Belcher Bay Handicap (First Section) from the 1 1/2 Mile Post at the Third Race Meeting with the same jockey up, she has a good chance of making it two in a row following.

House Top (H. K. Hung), Pandora (Williams) have been moving well in training and must be considered as the likely horses to cause an upset here in case Milky Way falters.

Scampi (P. Plumby) is worth following as outsider.

FIFTH RACE
Galway Handicap (Third Section): 6 Furs. & 40 Yds.

Aftab (K. Kwok) holds pride of place with top weight of 154 lbs. This black gelding is in good form at the moment during morning gallops, and the combination seems strong enough to hold off a field studded with useful sprinters.

Ida (Alex Lam) and Dainty (T. H. Yau) are consistent speedsters and should be the main dangers to Aftab.

Effieensie (H. M. Botelho) and Hit Parade (H. K. Hung) will probably also be very close at the finish.

More hope now for Fourth Test to reach definite result

Calcutta, Dec. 28. Barry Knight, the Essex all-rounder, took four wickets for four runs with his fast-medium deliveries here today, and raised hopes of a definite result in the fourth India-England Test which starts on the same ground on Saturday.

Knight sped MCC to an innings and 37 runs victory over the Services XI by taking their last four wickets in a devastating 188-ball spell. The side were all out for 130 after resuming at 94 for five.

The match was over in an hour today, and earned the players an extra half-day's rest, which is most unusual in India.

Bowlers' match

Knight achieved his best figures of the tour from the same end as David White claimed four wickets in five balls during the Services' first innings.

After much hard work on the tour with little reward, the faster bowlers came into their own here, and only David Smith failed to make the most of the conditions.

If the Test pitch is similar, there should be a definite result

three in a row over this distance. Welfare (H. K. Hung) is good for this distance and will take a lot of beating.

Satellite (Allan Chan) also has been very consistent of late in training and has a rosy chance of success.

Glencoe (Robert Tsai) and Jill (P. Plumby) are fit enough to cause an upset here.

NINTH RACE
Curragh Handicap (Second Section): 6 Furs. & 40 Yds.

The second batch of Class 4 horses will fight out the issue in this race.

Crystal Clear (C. Y. Wong) won very easily over the mile in the Folkestone Handicap (Third Section) at the Fourth Race Meeting and is considered the best bet of the day. I think it will not disappoint.

Blaze (Robert Tsai) and Cheela (H. K. Hung) are well forward and may give Crystal Clear a good run for his money.

As an outsider Perfectonal (P. Plumby) is worth following.

TENTH RACE
Hexham Handicap (Third Section): One Mile.

This race will wind up the first day of the meeting and should provide an interesting finish.

It is learnt the Logic has withdrawn and in its absence first choice is Goldsmith (Albert Lam) while Tell Me How (C. Y. Wong) is good enough to take second place.

Daredevil (Robert Tsai) is worth following for big money.

PROBABLE STARTERS AND RIDERS

Following are the probable starters and riders for the first day's programme of the Royal Hongkong Jockey Club's Sixth Race Meeting on Monday:

12.00 Noon, Race 1, GALWAY HANDICAP (1st Section), 6 Furlongs, Class 8.	000 Grad Moment (A. S. Wong)
090 Conrier (Belov)	140 lbs
003 Cyclone (Lee)	127 lbs
200 George Porgie (Sofronoff)	130 lbs
000 Hadda Hu (Metreveli)	138 lbs
430 Perri (Sofronoff)	138 lbs
000 Pin-Pin (Tokmoko)	138 lbs
000 Polaris (Ng)	141 lbs
400 Rose Elect (Lam)	145 lbs
000 Soochow (A. S. Wong)	145 lbs
032 Spinning Wheel (Pereboff)	145 lbs

12.30 pm, Race 2, GALWAY HANDICAP (2nd Section), 6 Furlongs, Class 8.	000 Grad Moment (A. S. Wong)
410 Benefactor (Metreveli)	145 lbs
110 Cirus (Sofronoff)	142 lbs
004 Gemini (Lee)	147 lbs
212 Gili (Rodney)	154 lbs
020 How Do I Know (Noodt)	152 lbs
330 Mayfair (A. S. Wong)	144 lbs
000 Not So Bad (Sofronoff)	144 lbs
000 Rowan (Metreveli)	150 lbs
004 Rose (Noodt)	144 lbs
100 Sound Investment (Tokmoko)	142 lbs
020 Vigorons Ava (Sofronoff)	135 lbs

1.00 pm, Race 3, HEXHAM HANDICAP (1st Section), 1 Mile, Class 4.	000 Babook (Rodney)
002 Bingo (Lefsky)	133 lbs
030 Cheeta (Sofronoff)	150 lbs
000 Apex (A. S. Wong)	139 lbs
100 Can Can (S. H. Wong)	145 lbs
241 Double Chance (Metreveli)	145 lbs
224 First Prize (Pereboff)	154 lbs
010 Francoise (Rodney)	150 lbs
444 Gold Badge (Chew)	146 lbs
000 New Wing (Lefsky)	150 lbs
000 Peculiarity (Lefsky)	149 lbs
102 Precious Coral (Ng)	141 lbs
040 Vingt Et Un (A. S. Wong)	145 lbs

1.30 pm, Race 4, CURRAGH HANDICAP (1st Section), 6 Furlongs, Class 4.	000 Grad Moment (A. S. Wong)
001 Blue Danube (Lee)	150 lbs
000 Daisy Mae (Rodney)	142 lbs
300 Diva (Belov)	144 lbs
200 Fair Wind (Chew)	146 lbs
000 Follow Me (Metreveli)	135 lbs
022 House Top (S. H. Wong)	137 lbs
000 Iqbal (Sofronoff)	140 lbs
001 Milky Way (Chew)	139 lbs
023 Newington (Rodney)	141 lbs
413 Pandora (Pereboff)	144 lbs
310 Scampi (Pereboff)	140 lbs
040 Vingt Et Un (A. S. Wong)	145 lbs

2.00 pm, Race 5, GALWAY HANDICAP (3rd Section), 6 Furlongs, Class 8.	000 Grad Moment (A. S. Wong)
021 Aftab (Noodt)	154 lbs
000 Can Do (Sofronoff)	149 lbs
210 Carola (A. S. Wong)	141 lbs
300 Dainty (Noodt)	142 lbs
141 Effieensie (Metreveli)	153 lbs
003 Feltz (Pereboff)	150 lbs
010 Hit Parade (Sofronoff)	143 lbs
103 Ida (Lam)	147 lbs
040 Jet (Sofronoff)	145 lbs
010 Mascot (Lefsky)	150 lbs
040 Miss Ods (Ng)	145 lbs

2.30 pm, Race 6, STEWARDS CUP, 6 Furlongs, 40 Yards, Class 1.	000 Grad Moment (A. S. Wong)
022 Lucky Number (Lee)	145 lbs
330 Prince Valiant (Sofronoff)	144 lbs
010 Safety First (Lefsky)	132 lbs
011 Scarface (Sofronoff)	151 lbs
144 Vanity Fair (Lee)	137 lbs

4.00 pm, Race 7, HEXHAM HANDICAP (2nd Section), 1 Mile, Class 4.	000 Grad Moment (A. S. Wong)
010 Carrie (Lefsky)	145 lbs
000 Chiu Tze Loong (Lam)	144 lbs
020 Edinburgh (Metreveli)	145 lbs

5.30 pm, Race 8, CURRAGH HANDICAP (2nd Section), 6 Furlongs, Class 4.	000 Grad Moment (A. S. Wong)
141 Captain Kid (Ng)	152 lbs
100 Daredevil (Lee)	145 lbs
330 Goldsmith (Lam)	144 lbs
102 Helmsman (Lefsky)	140 lbs
100 Marica (Pereboff)	140 lbs
240 Pinks (S. H. Wong)	148 lbs
005 Tell Me How (A. S. Wong)	145 lbs
000 World Wide (Tokmoko)	138 lbs

Easy Hastings Chess win for Botvinnik

Hastings, Dec. 28. Mikhail Botvinnik, the world champion, had an easy win in the second round of the International Chess Congress at Hastings today.

The Russian grandmaster beat John Littlewood of Britain, the only player in the tournament without a master title, in 28 moves after four and a half hours play.

Littlewood opened with a furious attack, sacrificing a bishop and a knight, but Botvinnik shrugged off the change with effortless skill. Although under extreme pressure, he again showed himself to be the greatest end-game player in the world.

ADJOURNED

The other four round two games were adjourned after five hours play. These were Svetozar Gligoric (Yugoslavia) vs Karl Robatsch (Austria), Robert Wade (New Zealand) vs Manuel Aaron (India), Salo Flohr (USSR) vs Leonard Barden (Britain) and Arthur Biggler (U.S.) vs Jonathan Penrose (Britain).

In none of the games could the eventual winner be easily forecast and a final session of adjourned games is expected tomorrow.

Round three adjourned games were played after five hours play. These were Svetozar Gligoric vs Karl Robatsch, Robert Wade vs Manuel Aaron, Salo Flohr vs Leonard Barden and Arthur Biggler vs Jonathan Penrose.

HOT WATER



Keio University take on HK Interport Hockey Team this Sunday

By "NUMPERE"

The main match of the Keio University Hockey Association's tour of Hongkong takes place on Sunday when they play all Hongkong at Recreation.

The Japanese team have been very impressive in their matches to date, and with both teams very keen to win the big match it should be well worth watching.

Keio have a very crowded programme, having already played a Combined Nav Bharat and IRC team on Wednesday and Recreation yesterday. They won both matches by 3-2 and 2-1.

They play RAF at Kai Tak today and KCC at Kowloon tomorrow. On Wednesday, January 3, they play Combined Services at Sui Kung, and the following day Macanese at King's Park.

To visit Macao

Keio then visit Macao for two matches, the first against Club de Macao on Saturday, January 6, and the following day against a Portuguese Selection which will be a team selected from Macao and Macanese. Macao and Macanese are combining with a view to applying to enter a Portuguese team in the 1964 Olympics in Tokyo.

After their return from Macao, Keio play on further match against the Army on

Tuesday January 9 and the HKHA's official dinner in honour of the visitors will be held on Wednesday, January 10. There is only one Men's League fixture this weekend, HK University meeting Lions in the Third Division.

Very close

In the Ladies' League there are two fixtures on Saturday, one of which could go a long way towards deciding the eventual League champions. This is the KCC vs Grenlins 'A' match. KCC currently lead the table with 18 points from 10 matches, with Grenlins in second place with 16 points from eight matches.

Recreation have the same number of points as Grenlins, but have played one more match. In the first half of the League programme, Grenlins 'A' beat KCC and drew with Recreation but KCC defeated Recreation.

This match will be played at KCC before the KCC vs Keio match and should prove very close. KCC defeat d Grenlins in the Ladies' final of the Boxing Day Festival but both teams were below full strength. I think KCC might just pull it off again. Recreation should have no trouble in taking both points from Grenlins 'B'.

Fixtures

Following are the weekend fixtures:

TOMORROW

Ladies' League: Grenlins 'B' vs Recreation at King's Park, 2.30 pm. Umpires: J. Marcell, J. K. Fellers.

KCC vs Grenlins 'A' at KCC, 2 pm. Umpires: W. Matthews, Y. Khan.

Friendly match: KCC vs Keio University at KCC, 3.30 pm.

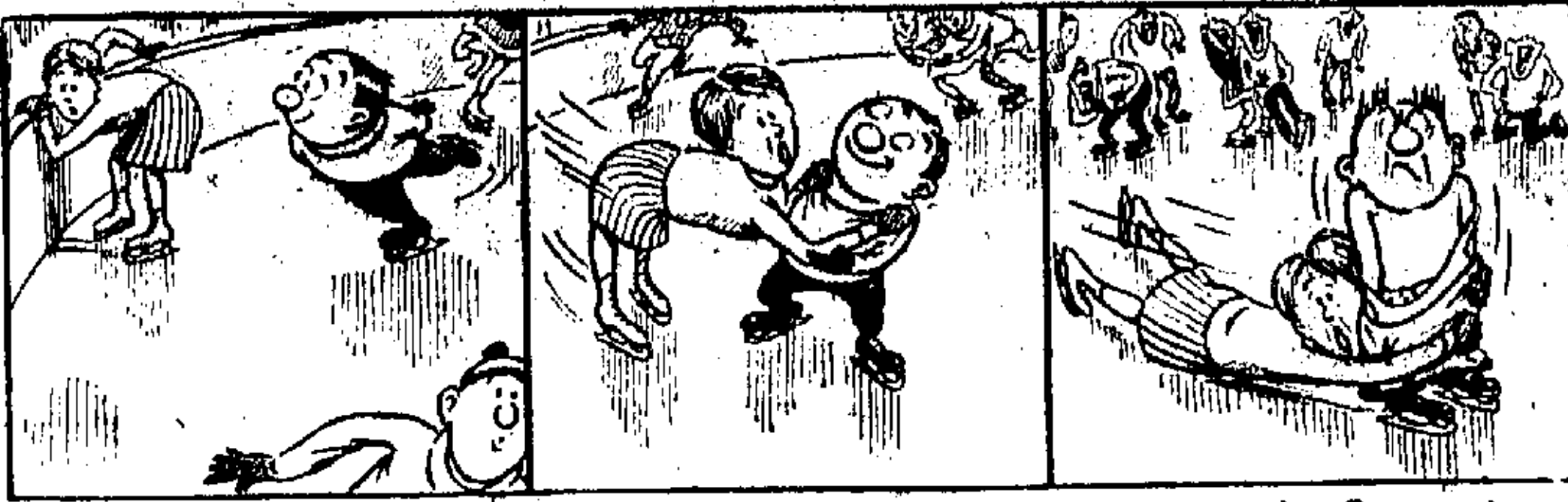
SUNDAY

Representative match: All Hongkong vs Keio University at Recreation, 3.30 pm. Umpire: K. Leung.

Third Division: HK University vs Lions at Happy Valley, 11.30 am. Umpires: Capt. Cram, Cpl. Frost.

SPORTING SAM

by Reg. Woolton



London Express Service

FINA recognises new world records

Tokyo, Dec. 28.

The International Swimming Federation (FINA) today announced its approval of 29 men and 26 women world swimming records set in 1961.

The FINA office in Tokyo said the new marks will be recognised from Jan. 1, 1962.

Chet Jastremski of the United States heads the list of record smashers by collecting all four records in the men's breaststroke events. The 20-year-old

Indiana University student shattered Australia's Terry Gathercole's world marks in the 110 and 220 yards and the 200 metres set in Townsville, Australia, in June 1958. He also broke Russian W. Minashin's 100-metre record established in Sept. 1957, at Leipzig, Germany.

Best times

Following are the best clockings of new world records announced by FINA (others were not announced):

MEN'S FREESTYLE
100 metres - 55.8, Manuel Dos Santos, Brazil, at Rio de Janeiro, Sept. 2.
200 metres - 2:04.4, Tsuyosada Yamaguchi, Japan, at Los Angeles, Aug. 29.

BREASTSTROKE
100 metres - 1:01.5, Jastremski, U.S., at Los Angeles, Aug. 29.
200 metres - 2:15.8, Chet Jastremski, U.S., at Fresno, Calif., Aug. 23.

MEN'S BACKSTROKE
100 metres - 1:34.1, Jastremski, U.S., at Fresno, Calif., Aug. 22.
200 metres - 3:11.5, Tom Stock, U.S., at Los Angeles, Aug. 19.

MEN'S BUTTERFLY
100 metres - 58.6, Fred Schmidt, U.S., at Los Angeles, Aug. 20.
200 metres - 2:12.6, Carl Robie, U.S., at Los Angeles, Aug. 19.

400 metres individual medley - 4:55.8, Ted Stuckles, U.S., at Los Angeles, Aug. 18.
800 yards individual medley - 4:51.1, Ted Stuckles, U.S., at Fresno, Aug. 24.

400 metres medley - 4:03.0, T. Stuck, C. Jastremski, Larry Schulz, Peter Sinitz, U.S., at Los Angeles, Aug. 20.

WOMEN'S FREESTYLE
100 metres - 1:02.8, R. Rylander, Sweden, at Uppsala, June 27.
200 metres - 2:19.2, B. Goebel, E. Germany, at Rostock, Jan. 7.

WOMEN'S BACKSTROKE
100 metres - 1:19.2, B. Goebel, E. Germany, at Rostock, Jan. 7.
200 metres - 2:45.0, K. Bayer, E. Germany, at Budapest, Aug. 5.

Pakistan beat Malaya 3-1 at hockey

Singapore, Dec. 28.

Pakistan, the world hockey champions, narrowly beat an All-Malaya side by three goals to one in an international hockey match played here this evening.

It was an exciting match from the start and All-Malaya was the first to score in the opening minutes of the match. Pakistan drew level in the 34th minute through full-back Atif, the Pakistan captain, following a corner.

At half-time the score was 1-1.

In the second half Pakistan played an aggressive but scrappy game and they took the lead in the 15th minute through centre-forward Abdul Hamed who scored with a rising shot.

Pakistan scored again 10 minutes from the end when inside-left Naseer Bunda drove in the third goal to make the final score 3-1.—Reuters.

SPORTS FORECASTS FOR 1962

By DEREK JOHN

Stirling Moss wins the world racing driver's championship... the England Test selectors at last remember Tom Graveney... Herb Elliott makes a fantastic come-back in the Empire Games... Dai Rees finally wins the British Open and Sam Snead the U.S. Open... England capture the World Cup in Chile.

Peter Jackson returns to international rugby... Floyd Patterson flattens all the top challengers... Bobby Wilson wins the last all-amateur Wimbledon to end Australia's domination... Spurs pull off the "impossible treble" of the European Cup, FA Cup and League Championship.

Such is my dream vision of events to make an exciting year of sport in 1962. In reality, I fear that most events will turn out very differently. My forecasts for the coming year:

ATHLETICS: Herb Elliott will decide against risking his undefeated mile record in the Empire Games and the glamorous mile will be won in the comparatively slow time of 3 mins 58 secs. New Zealand's Peter Snell and Murray Halberg will be the leading record-breakers in Perth and immediately after the Games a famous athletic will declare: "I was a professional."

A surprise?

BOXING: Floyd Patterson will spring a surprise by meeting Sonny Liston towards the end of the year. And, contrary to popular forecasts, he will knock out the challenger and be hailed as a great world champion. At least one famous British heavyweight will announce his retirement from the ring.

CRICKET: India will fail to win a single Test match in the West Indies; England, experimenting with young players, will make hard work of beating Pakistan. England selectors will ignore pleas to recall Trevor Bailey and Tom Graveney and appoint Ted Dexter as Test captain.

GOLF: Newly-turned professional Jack Nicklaus will challenge fellow American Arnold Palmer for the top honours. One of them will win the British Open.

LAWN TENNIS: Wimbledon will stage the last all-amateur championships and Maria Bueno will recapture her singles crown in a final against Margaret Smith or Nancy Richey. A British player will reach the men's singles final for the first time since "Bunny" Austin in 1938. But an Australian will win the title.

MOTOR-RACING: Phil Hill will retain the World Championship in a Ferrari, though British cars will improve sufficiently to enable a strong challenge by Stirling Moss and Jack Brabham.

RUGBY UNION: England to win the International Championship and end the domination of France.

SOCCEER: Brazil to win the World Cup; Spurs to win the European Cup and the League Championship; and Everton for the FA Cup.

DARK HORSE

While Herb Elliott's athletics future is doubtful, another Olympic 1,500 metres champion promise to stage a dramatic come-back in 1962—26-year-old Ron Delany, Eire, surprise gold medal winner in the 1956 Melbourne Games.

Delany, the "dark horse" of athletics, aims to capture the 800 metres title in the European Championships in Belgrade. With this his main target, he is now slogging daily up and down the sand dunes near the Royal Dublin golf course.

Bright prospects

The Irishman's prospects are bright. Only three men were faster over 800 metres in 1961 and all were non-European—Peter Snell (New Zealand), George Kerr (Jamaica) and Jerry Siebert (United States). His chief rival in Belgrade will be the West German Paul Schmidt, who last season returned 1 min 47.2 secs, only a tenth of a second slower than Delany's best European time.

CLEAN UP BOXING

By opposing Sonny Liston as next challenger for Floyd Patterson's world heavyweight title, Dr Charles Larson, President of the U.S. National Boxing Association, has revived one of the oldest questions in the history of sport.

Says Dr Larson: "Patterson is a fine representative of his race. The heavyweight champion of

the world should be a man our children can look up to. If Liston should become champion before he has rehabilitated himself after his trouble with the law last summer, it might be a catastrophe."

Is Dr Larson right? Or should morality, like politics, be kept out of sport?

Now I cannot pronounce on the moral fitness of Mr Liston, but physically I would judge him to be outstandingly fit to challenge the world champion. And it's high time a worthy challenger faced up to Mr Patterson.

Unreasonable

But, basically, I think there is something in what Dr Larson says.

It would be unreasonable to demand a character reference from all would-be world champions. The answer, I believe, is to tighten up the rules of the game.

A man who can fight cleanly in the ring will behave cleanly out of it. Professional boxing could learn much from its amateur counterpart.

Ideally, we want to outlaw the racketeers behind boxing and impose the severest measures against elbowing, butting, low-hitting and other illegitimate devices.

Clean up the sport and to a large extent you will clean up the behaviour of its sportsmen. Boxing officials should make that their New Year resolution for 1962.

CENTURIONS

Billy Wright's world record collection of 105 international caps seems certain to be surpassed in 1962.

Two men threaten to overtake him—Thorbjorn "The Whaler" Svenssen of Norway, also a centre-half; and Josef Bozsik, Hungarian inside-forward. Svenssen, once a whaler by trade, has now won 100 caps since 1947. Bozsik can raise his total to 102 caps on Hungary's current tour of South America.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Soccer: 1st Division: KMB v Kwong Wah (Police) 3.20 pm.
Reserve Division: KMB v Kwong Wah (Police) 2 pm.

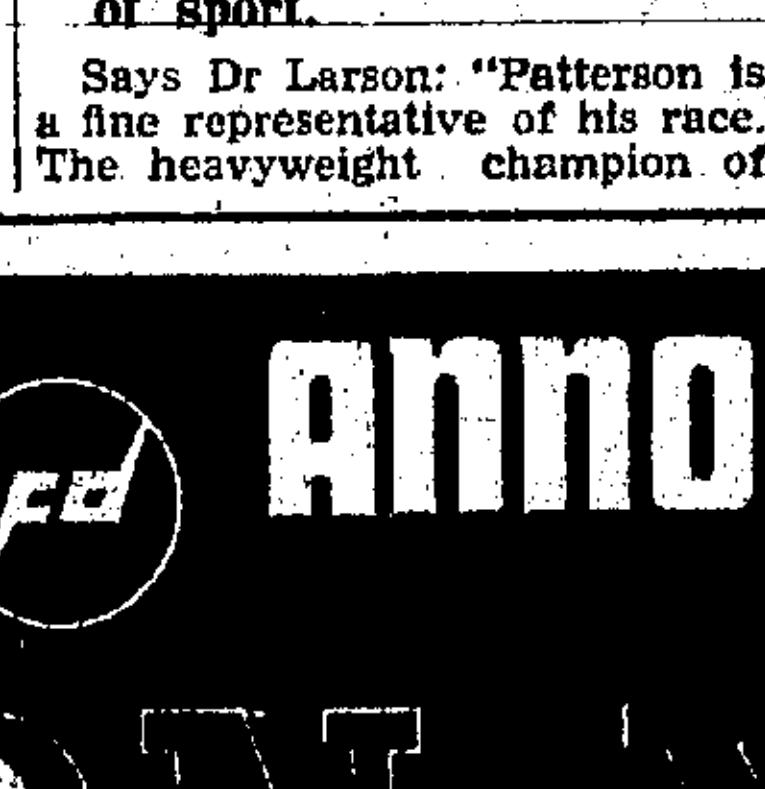
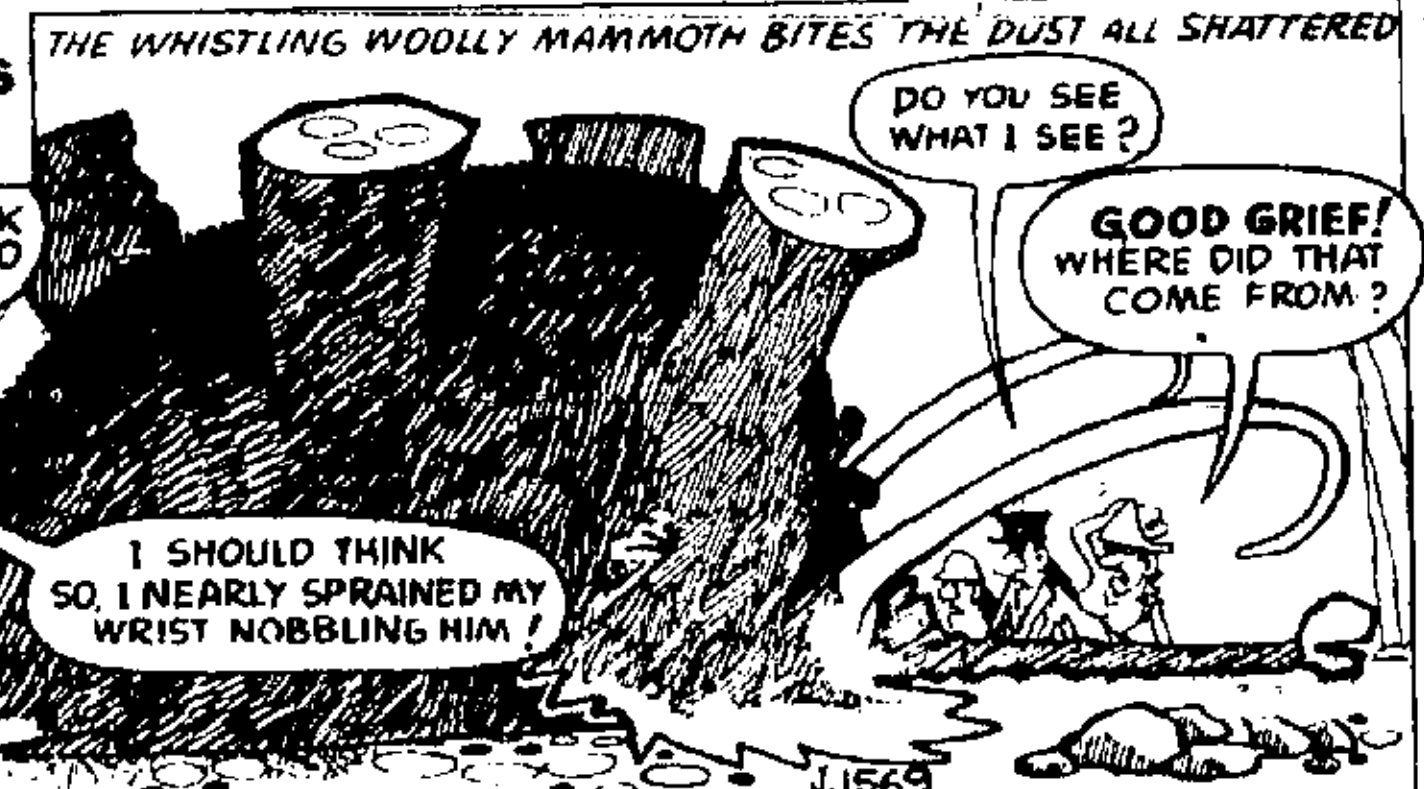
TOMORROW
Soccer: 1st Division: Eastern v South China (CHI), Happy Valley v Army (Club) both matches at 3.30 pm.
Reserve Division: Eastern v South China (CHI), Happy Valley v Army (Club) both matches at 2 pm.

3rd Division: China Gas v Rediffusion (HV) 2.15 pm. Dodwell v RFL (HV) 2.15 pm. Telephone v Jardines (HV) 3.45 pm. C & W v Swan (HV) 3.45 pm. HK Aircraft v University (HV) 3.45 pm.

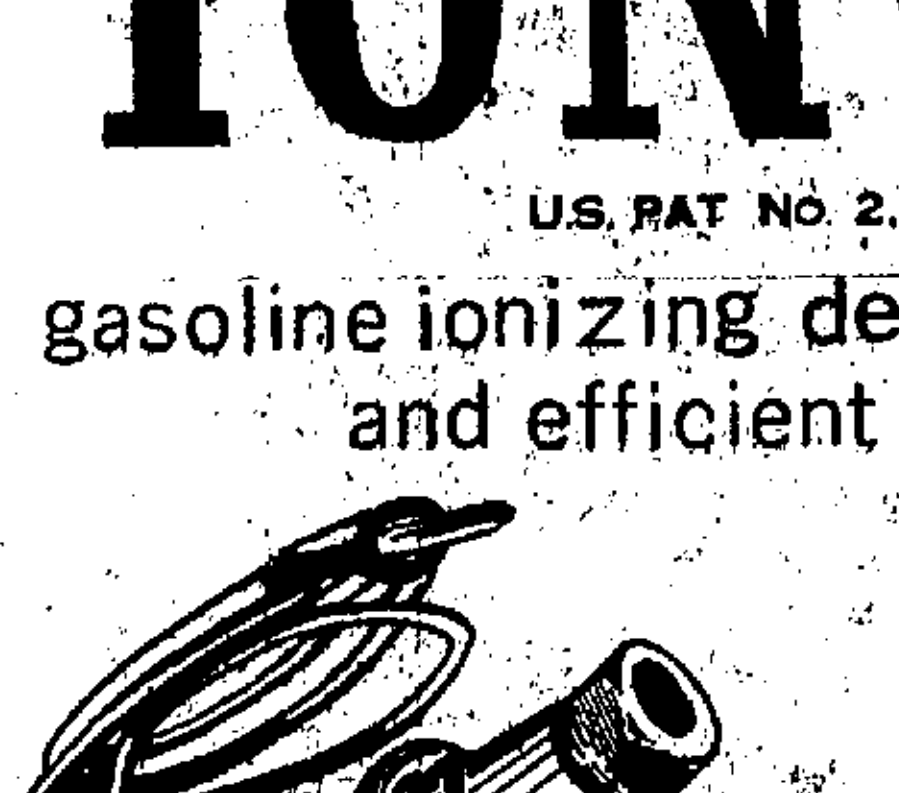
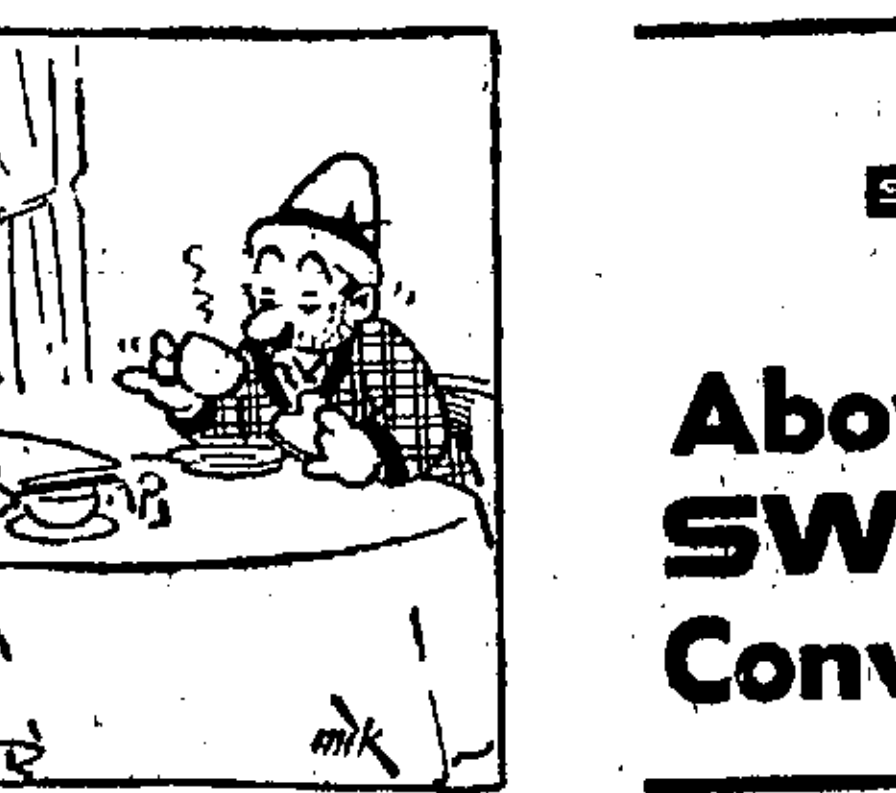
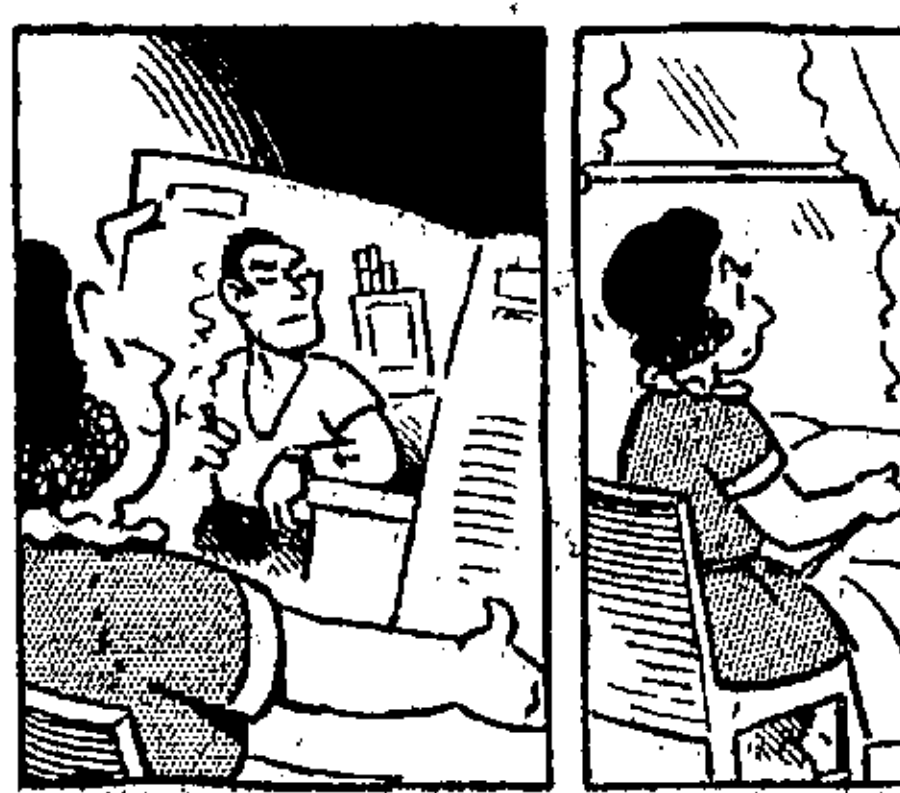
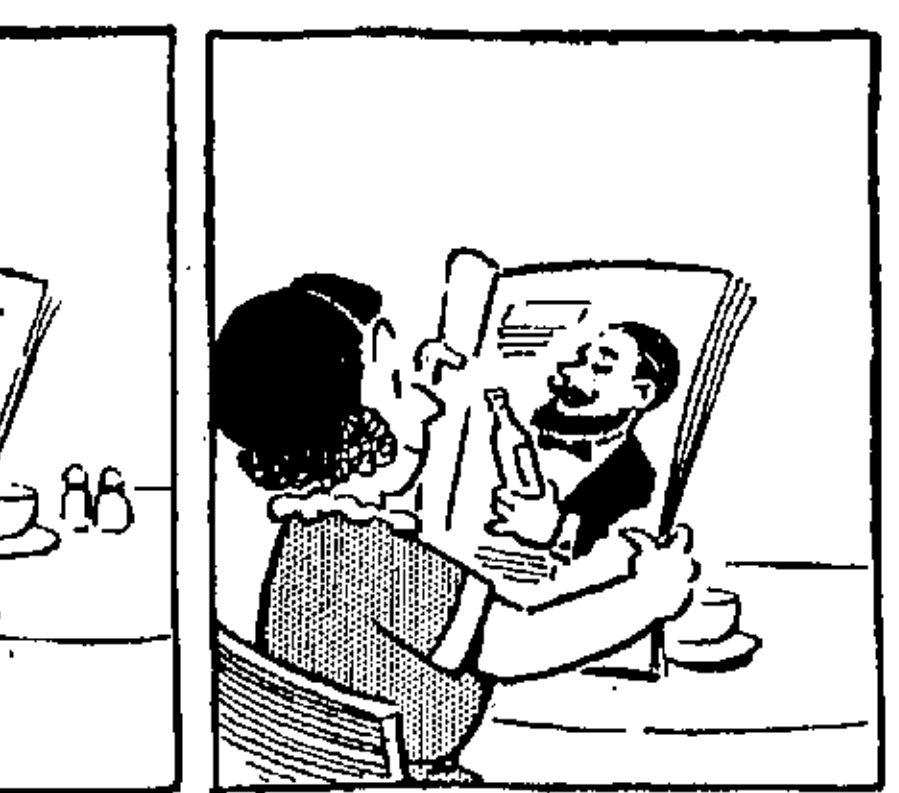
Friendly Match: Recreation v China Light & Power, King's Park, 1.30 pm.

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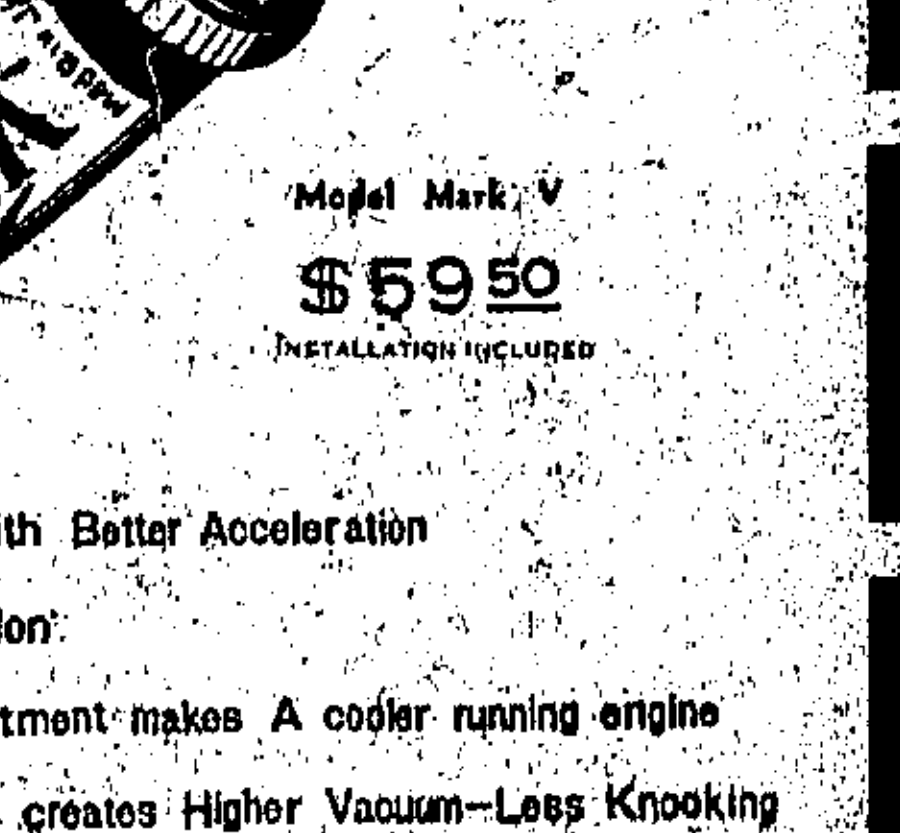
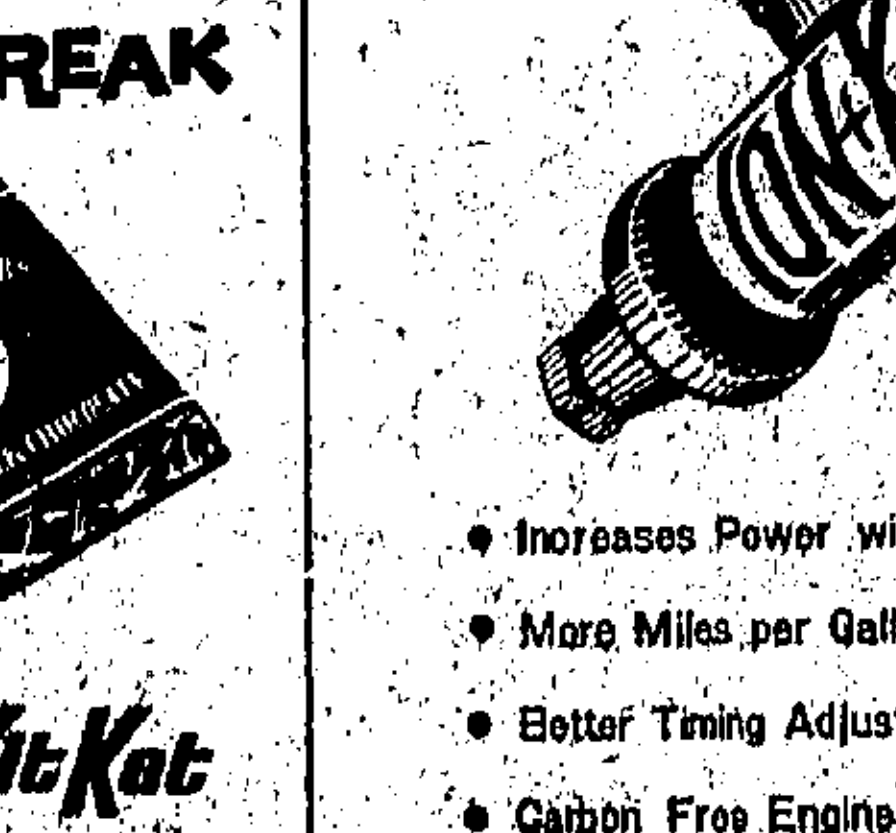
YOU KNOW, NIGEL, I THINK HE'S BIG ENOUGH TO DO BREAKFAST AS WELL AS SUPPER.



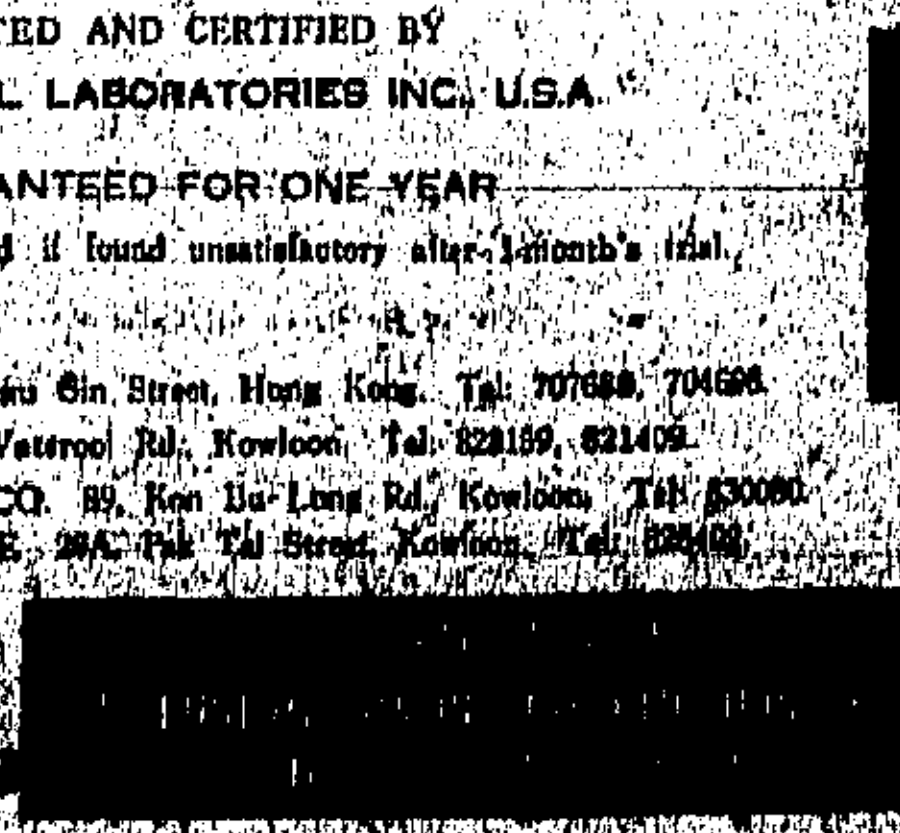
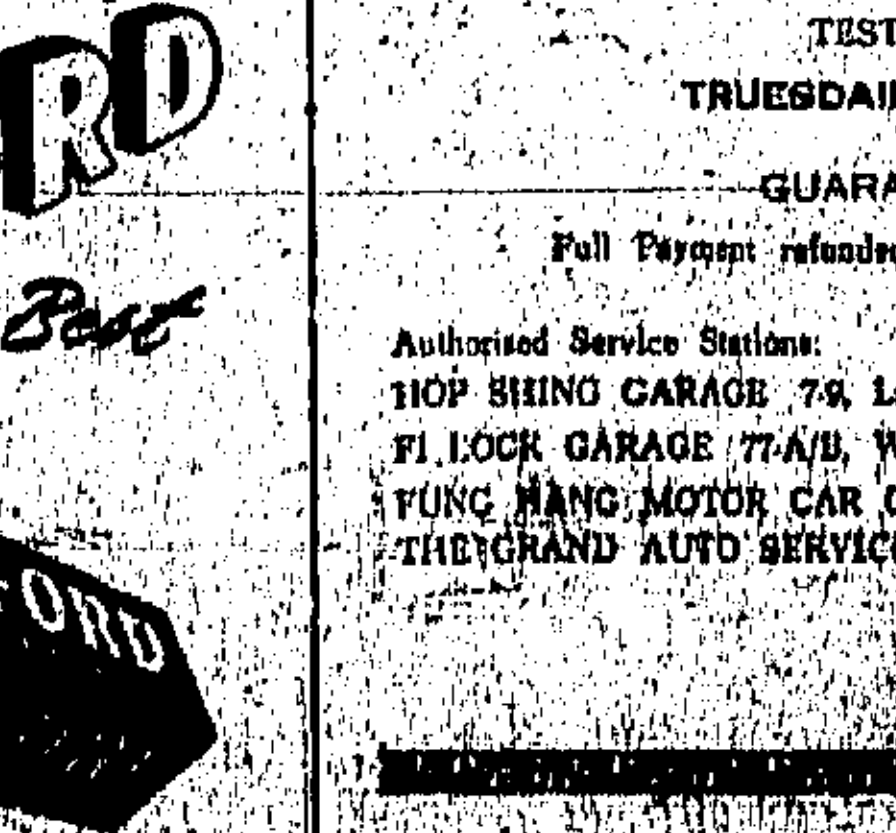
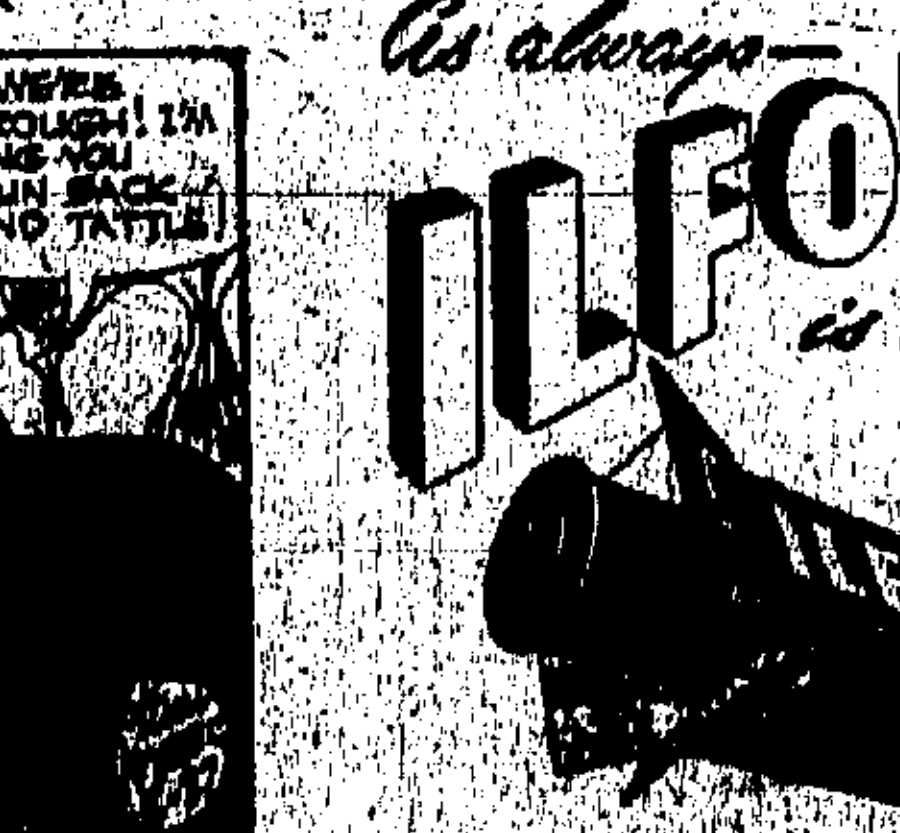
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By ANTHONY FULLER

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THE GUNS OF NAVARONE

Hongkong says that the ten following films were the best of 1961.

- (1) The Guns of Navarone
- (2) Ben Hur
- (3) Spartacus
- (4) The World of Suzie Wong
- (5) World By Night
- (6) Olympics of 1960
- (7) The Magnificent Seven
- (8) Pepe
- (9) Butterfield 8
- (10) Cimarron

Well, there it is, and not all your tears or savings can alter it. The public who pay there hard earned dollars into the box-office are the only people who count in the estimation of the Film Producers.

The public are the final arbiters, and the Hongkong public spent over \$5 million on the first run of the above listed films.

Hongkong's favourite for 1961, "The Guns of Navarone," is no surprise, for it made good box-office all over the world. Nevertheless, Hongkong appeared in heavy black type in the cinema trade papers. I quote, "A Record Run For 'Guns' In Hongkong," and the China Mail news item entitled, "The Guns of Navarone" shoot down "Ben Hur," was reproduced throughout the trade in many languages.

A natural

Actually, you might call the "Guns" a natural for Hongkong. It was made in CinemaScope, photographed in Technicolor.

with a gloriously far stretched story, and a crisp understandable dialogue plus a magnificent steamship climax.

Incidentally, this is the first time an entirely British production has headed Hongkong's "top ten." For this film was made by British Columbia Films, with the American and British stars, Gregory Peck and David Niven heading a competent cast.

Ben Hur was expected to do well. Never was a film launched on such a publicity campaign. Its success in the Colony was undoubted, but the surprise is that it was surpassed by "The Guns of Navarone." Hongkong certainly changed world pattern there.

Although "Spartacus" earned its keep and plenty to spare in Hongkong, it was well behind numbers one and two in our local film parade as far as box-office was concerned.

Sports fans

Next was "The World of Suzie Wong," playing in sporting idiom, upon her own ground. Well, "Suzie" made number four, but she grossed less than half of what either the "Guns" or "Ben" took at the box-office.

The surprise is to see a documentary "Olympics of 1960" placed six in Hongkong's list. This is both a tribute to Italian film production and the activeness of Mr S. T. Wu of the State and Royal theatres.

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"The Magnificent Seven" grossed enough to be included in the top ten, but in most years the remaining films would not have done well enough to receive honourable mention in Hongkong.

For box-office-wise, the three top films took over two and a half million dollars between them, the seven remaining films took less than two and a half million dollars among them.

Taking the films released all over the world, Hongkong's choice of the top ten will, I think, closely follow the general pattern, especially the top three which were universal favourites.

Hongkong would have nothing to do with anything highbrow. "La Dolce Vita" flopped, but the film was cut to pieces, so I was told on my return from England. This is a thing I have dropped on if it has occurred to any film under my review.

Dropped dead

On the other hand, "Black Orpheus," that magnificent essay in film making, also dropped dead, was revived for a day, and then taken off again.

"Two Women," a film highly recommended in my column hardly stood up for a weekend, while "The Mark" scarcely remained long enough to make a scratch.

There is little wonder then that "Shadows" an impressionistic work in cinema, is going to remain in the distributors' can.

Regarding the flop of all the above, from now on I ignore all remarks made in person and all letters written to the China Mail about why can't we see this or that.

Most of the above were shown on the pleadings of myself and colleagues, but the public failed to support them.

Popular theatre

The most popular cinema in the Colony is the Royal in Kowloon.

This is surprising when you consider that the Royal screened none of the top three films. The reason for this is undoubtedly that the Royal is a comfortable theatre with a fine view of the screen from all seats.

TAIL PIECE

As usual, the Editor of the China Mail has stuck his neck out in order that mine can be hit.

He asks for my choice of the best film screened in Hongkong during 1961.

Well, I will leave out the art numbers which flopped, and will back a film from the ordinary run of good commercial films.

I say, "Never On Sunday," starring Melina Mercouri, in a day. Hellenic romp about an American professor who tried to reform a gay girl.

And what a lovely time to go with it!

10 more cars a day

Private car registrations are increasing at the rate of more than 10 a day, according to figures released today by Government.

More than 320 cars were registered last month and the total number now stands at 35,525.

The number of licensed drivers of motor vehicles stood at 118,684 — or 312 more than the total at the end of October.

A total of 1,260 provisional drivers were licensed and 4,275 driving tests authorised at the end of November.

The figures also revealed there had been an increase of 32 in the number of taxis in service and the total now stands at 1,319.

Government appointments gazetted

The following appointments, promotions, transfers and postings were announced in today's Government Gazette:

Mr T. Cresson to be District Judge, Mr Paul Stafford to be a Magistrate, Mr N. E. Barnes to be an Inspector of Schools.

Mrs Mary Chew to act as Supervisor and Training Officer for Health Nurses, Miss Helen Ng Ho-may to act as Health Sister, Mr J. Dodds to act as Chief Male Nurse, Mr J. L. Lin to be a Deputy Registrar, Mr W. S. A. C. Hill, Education Officer.

SMUGGLING BID FAILS

The master and a crew member of a fishing junk which illegally brought a woman and two children to Hongkong, were this morning fined by Mr K. A. S. Phillips of Central Magistracy.

Shek Shing-wah, 28, master, was fined \$500 or one month's jail and Yeung Wo-sun, 23, was fined \$100 or one week's jail.

The woman admitted she boarded the junk in Macao. A sum of \$400 was to be paid to the defendants on safe arrival in Hongkong.

Raffle prize winners



Top winners of the recent Marianne Reichl Aid To Lepers Group raffle shown this morning with their prizes. In picture are (1 to 7) Mrs J. W. Devonshire, Chairman of the Group, Miss Carmen Botelho, winner of the first prize, a Ford Consul, Mr K. Y. Chang, winner of the second prize, a motor cycle, and Mrs F. R. Ashton, President of the Group. —Staff photographer.

AID TO LEPERS

'Delighted,' says winner of car

"I am absolutely delighted," said Miss Carmen Botelho this morning when she received the new Ford Consul as first prize in the recent Marianne Reichl Aid to Lepers Group raffle.

She had bought four tickets — one in the Gloucester Arcade and three at the Star Ferry, Kowloon. "The winning ticket was bought at the Gloucester Arcade," she exclaimed.

Miss Botelho was presented with her prize at Queen's Pier by Mrs F. R. Ashton, President of the Aid to Lepers Group and Mrs J. W. Devonshire, Chairman of the raffle committee.

The car is a white saloon type, five-seater, with soft blue upholstery.

Another lucky prize winner is Mr K. Y. Chang, who received a "Honda" motor cycle. He lives on Hongkong side, and said he would find the motor bicycle "very useful indeed." He bought only one ticket.

Soochow men to celebrate

The annual ball of the Soochow University Alumni Association will be held at the Paramount night club tonight at 8 p.m.

News from the Gazette

The Rev Fr J. P. McCarthy, SJ, Mr Kenneth Lo Tai-chung, the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Federation of Vegetable Marketing Co-operative Societies Ltd have been appointed Members of the Marketing Advisory Board for one year.

Mr E. M. J. A. Bower has been appointed a Member of the Port Welfare Committee.

The names of Mr Thomas Chey Chun-chung and Mr Laurence Gerald Chung have been added to the authorised list of auditors.

The name of Mr Christopher Haffner has been added to the list of authorised architects.

Births registered in November totalled 10,555 — 10,459 Chinese and 100 non-Chinese.

Deaths registered totalled 1,325 — 1,320 Chinese and five non-Chinese. Four persons died and 714 were injured in 718 industrial and occupational accidents in November.

In the same period, 14 persons were killed and 624 injured in 560 traffic accidents.

Hills to make way for 80 acres of living space

About 80 acres of sites for private development, a resettlement estate, schools and playing fields are to be formed at So Mo-ping, a hilly area above Kun Tong on the eastern slopes of Kowloon Bay.

The entire project, taking about four years to complete, will cost about \$20 million. The material excavated from the hillside will be used in the Kun Tong reclamation scheme. The first of five sites to be formed will be used for the construction of a resettlement estate to house about 50,000 people.

New Fu Centre plan changes to take a fortnight

The overall replanning of Fu Centre into a theatre and office building, instead of a luxury hotel, will be completed in about a fortnight the architect, Mr Eric Cumine said this morning.

Fu Centre will rise 37 storeys and will take three years to complete.

Located on the site of the old Butterfield and Swire premises in Connaught-road, Central, near the City Hall, it will accommodate a 1,400-seat theatre on the first floor, a shopping arcade on the ground floor and offices from the second floor upwards.

Top floors will be apartments, said Mr William Ling, the assistant architect to Mr Cumine.

Mr Ling also revealed that the architectural design for the new skyscraper will be something quite different from other structures in town. He did not elaborate because "everything is still under planning and not yet finalised."

The new building is owned by the Fu family, for 20 years operators of Macao's famed gambling casinos.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December 1936

A 23-year-old vegetable gardener was charged before Mr W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy yesterday with the larceny of three chickens belonging to Madame Chiffon, of No. 5 Shouson Hill.

Failing to dispose of them the defendant killed, cooked and ate one of them, and freed the other two. The chickens were valued at \$4 altogether. His Worship ordered defendant to pay \$4 amends to the complainant and in addition fined him \$25 or a further month's hard-labour.

"SPIT is a nasty word," especially with the 1940 Olympics bringing a good many impressionable visitors to Japan, says the Japan Chronicle. None of the officials in this country have heard the famous American advertising campaign which used the above slogan to sell cigars, but it has been decided that something must be done about promiscuous expectorating in public places in Tokyo. The Hygiene Section of the Home Office, Metropolitan Police Board and the Tokyo Prefectural and City Office discussed the subject among other matters of hygiene recently and the results of their meeting will be published in the middle of February when a proclamation is issued providing fine and detention for offenders.

50 YEARS AGO

Extract from SCM Post 25 years ago column:

"The forthcoming visit of Mr Matheson Lang and Miss Hutton Britton to Hongkong is awaited with considerable interest and the gifted couple are assured of a warm welcome. The church and stage join hands in the person of Mr Ling, his father and three of his uncles being prominent members in the Scottish Church, while his grace the Archbishop of York is his cousin. "He was early stage-struck, played in many amateur productions and was an enthusiastic member of the St. Andrew's University Dramatic Society. His first speaking part as a professional was that of the Duc d'Orleans in 'Richelieu' in which part, also, singularly enough, the late Sir Henry Irving made his professional debut."

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